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Foreword

Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures October 2022–23* ensures that the Budget Papers provide comprehensive information on all Government decisions that involve changes to its payment and receipt activities since the *Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook* released in April 2022. This information is outlined in two parts:

- Part 1: Receipt Measures
- Part 2: Payment Measures

Receipt measures are defined as those measures that affect taxation or non-taxation receipts. Payment measures are defined as those measures that affect operating payments and purchases of non-financial assets. Measures are presented on a cash basis, corresponding with references to the underlying cash balance in Budget Paper No. 1, Budget Strategy and Outlook.

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Part 1: Receipt Measures

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>					
Secure Australian Jobs(b)	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.5
Portfolio total	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.5
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER					
<i>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i>					
Powering Australia – Rewiring the Nation(b)	-	4.0	13.5	79.6	144.6
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>					
Powering Australia – Rewiring the Nation(b)	-	-	-	-	0.2
Portfolio total	-	4.0	13.5	79.6	144.7
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
Commonwealth Penalty Unit – increase in amount	-	-	8.7	10.9	12.0
Government Spending Audit – Providing Certainty on Unlegislated Measures Announced by the Previous Government(b)	-	-0.4	-4.4	-11.4	-7.1
Portfolio total	-	-0.4	4.3	-0.5	4.9
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Improving Home Ownership for Defence Personnel and Veterans(b)	-	1.0	2.1	2.4	2.6
Portfolio total	-	1.0	2.1	2.4	2.6
EDUCATION					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Rural Health and Medical Training for Far North Queensland(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Startup Year – establishment(b)	-	-	-	-	..
Strengthening Australia's Higher Education Sector(b)	-	-	-	..	0.1
Portfolio total	-	-	-	..	0.1

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-	-
FINANCE					
<i>Department of Finance</i>					
Safer and More Affordable Housing(b)	-	216.8	440.3	386.2	385.1
Portfolio total	-	216.8	440.3	386.2	385.1
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation</i>					
Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – expansion(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Portfolio total	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
HEALTH AND AGED CARE					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>					
Continuation of the National Sports Tribunal(b)	-	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Improving Access to Care(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
National Medical Stockpile – additional monkeypox vaccines(b)	-	42.5	-	-	-
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – new and amended listings(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Plan for Cheaper Medicines(b)	-	11.3	23.9	26.5	29.3
Therapeutic Goods Administration – completion of digital and business transformation for consumers, healthcare providers and industry(b)	-	-	2.6	4.7	4.7
Portfolio total	-	53.9	26.7	31.4	34.3
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
Additional Assistance to Ukraine(b)	-
Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme(b)	-
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	150.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	-
Powering Australia – Electric Car Discount(b)	-	-20.0	-25.0	-40.0	-55.0
Support for Ukraine – extending import duties on goods from Russia and Belarus	-	6.0	3.0	-	-
Support for Ukraine – waiving import duty on goods from Ukraine	-	-2.0	-	-	-
Visa Application Charge – exemption for Virtus Games 2022	-	-0.3	-	-	-

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HOME AFFAIRS (continued)					
<i>National Emergency Management Agency</i>					
Pandemic Support Payment extensions(b)	-	429.3	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	563.0	-12.0	-30.0	-45.0
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES					
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>					
National Reconstruction Fund – establishment(b)	-	-	*	*	*
Portfolio total	-	-	*	*	*
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS					
<i>Screen Australia</i>					
Supporting the Arts(b)	-	0.8	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	0.8	-	-	-
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>					
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	0.8	3.6	3.5	3.5
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing(b)	-	-0.8	-1.6	-1.7	-1.7
Portfolio total	-	..	2.0	1.9	1.8
SOCIAL SERVICES					
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>					
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	53.0	79.5	79.5	79.5
Portfolio total	-	53.0	79.5	79.5	79.5
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
More Competition, Better Prices – increase penalties	-	-	-	7.2	55.4
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
Providing certainty on unlegislated tax and superannuation measures announced by the previous Government(b)	-
Treasury – additional funding(b)	-	0.4	0.4	-	-
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Additional Assistance to Ukraine(b)	-

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Australia's Foreign Investment Framework – increase to fees and penalties	-	100.3	115.7	120.7	120.7
Boosting Parental Leave to Enhance Economic Security, Support and Flexibility for Australia's Families(b)	-	-15.0	-10.0	80.0	185.0
Depreciation – reverse the measure allowing taxpayers to self-assess the effective life of intangible depreciating assets	-	-	20.0	150.0	380.0
Digital Currency – clarifying that digital currencies are not taxed as foreign currency	-	-	-	-	-
Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme(b)	-
Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Personal Income Taxation Compliance Program(b)	-	-	151.2	287.2	236.0
Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Shadow Economy Program(b)	-	-	403.7	714.5	940.7
Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Tax Avoidance Taskforce(b)	-	277.0	535.4	729.0	1,308.5
Improving Home Ownership for Defence Personnel and Veterans(b)	-	1.7	3.9	4.7	5.4
Improving the integrity of off-market share buy-backs	-	..	150.0	200.0	200.0
Incentivising Pensioners to Downsize(b)	-	-	1.0	3.0	3.0
Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	-
International Tax – Australia-Iceland Tax Treaty	-	-
Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce(b)	-	-	15.0	-	-
Making COVID-19 business grants non-assessable non-exempt	-	*	*	*	*
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	20.0	195.0	260.0	280.0
Multinational Tax Integrity Package – amending Australia's interest limitation (thin capitalisation) rules(b)	-	-	-	370.0	350.0
Multinational Tax Integrity Package – denying deductions for payments relating to intangibles held in low or no tax jurisdictions(b)	-	-	40.0	110.0	100.0
Multinational Tax Integrity Package – improved tax transparency(b)	-	*	*	*	*
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	*	*	-	-
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	-	5.0	15.0	35.0

Table 1: Receipt measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Pandemic Support Payment extensions(b)	-	-	18.8	-	-
Philanthropy – updates to specifically listed deductible gift recipients	-	-	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Powering Australia – Electric Car Discount(b)	-	-25.0	-50.0	-75.0	-120.0
Providing certainty on unlegislated tax and superannuation measures announced by the previous Government(b)	-	-4.1	3.5	15.0	15.0
Superannuation – expanding eligibility for downsizer contributions	-	-10.0	-10.0
Tax Practitioners Board – compliance program to enhance tax system integrity(b)	-	-	9.1	25.0	47.8
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
Contributions to the International Monetary Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust and Resilience and Sustainability Trust(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	355.3	1,607.5	3,005.9	4,132.2
Decisions taken but not yet announced and not for publication	-	162.8	293.7	409.9	512.5
Total impact of receipt measures(c)	-	1,410.1	2,458.1	3,966.8	5,253.3

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

nfp not for publication.

(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in receipts, no sign before an estimate indicates a gain in receipts.

(b) These measures can also be found in the payment measures summary table.

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Cross Portfolio

Commonwealth Penalty Unit – increase in amount

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Various Agencies	-	-	8.7	10.9	12.0

The Government will increase the amount of the Commonwealth penalty unit from \$222 to \$275, from 1 January 2023. The increase will apply to offences committed after the relevant legislative amendment comes into force. The amount will continue to be indexed every 3 years in line with the CPI as per the pre-existing schedule, with the next indexation occurring on 1 July 2023.

Penalty units are used to describe the amount payable for fines under Commonwealth laws, including in relation to communication, financial, tax and fraud offences. Fines are calculated by multiplying the value of one penalty unit by the number of penalty units prescribed for the offence. This measure ensures that financial penalties for Commonwealth offences continue to remain effective in deterring unlawful behaviour and contributes to budget repair.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$31.6 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Home Affairs

Migration Program – 2022–23 planning levels

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	150.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Australian Taxation Office	-	20.0	195.0	260.0	280.0
Total – Receipts	-	170.0	205.0	270.0	290.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	21.0	42.9	44.7	46.0
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	9.2	5.5	3.1	2.1
<i>Department of Social Services</i>	-	8.6	26.6	42.6	50.6
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	5.0	30.0	50.0	50.0
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	1.8	11.7	14.4	17.3
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>	-	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
<i>Services Australia</i>	-	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.7
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	46.3	117.6	156.0	167.3

As announced at the Jobs and Skills Summit, the Government will increase the 2022–23 permanent Migration Program planning level from 160,000 to 195,000. This will help ease widespread, critical workforce and skills shortages. Priority will be given to offshore applicants and on-hand applications for the Skilled Independent visa – New Zealand stream.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$935.0 million and increase payments by \$487.2 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Support for Ukraine – extending import duties on goods from Russia and Belarus

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	6.0	3.0	-	-

The Government has extended by a further 12 months, to 24 October 2023, a temporary measure imposing additional tariffs on goods imported from Russia and Belarus.

The measure continues to deny Russia and Belarus access to most favoured nation status through the application of an additional 35 per cent tariff on goods that are the produce or manufacture of Russia and Belarus shipped to Australia on or after 25 April 2022.

This temporary measure is a response to Russia’s illegal invasion of Ukraine, supported by Belarus, and is necessary for the protection of Australia’s essential security interests.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$9.0 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Support for Ukraine – waiving import duty on goods from Ukraine

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	-2.0	-	-	-

The Government has exempted Ukrainian goods from import duties for a period of 12 months from 4 July 2022 in response to Russia’s illegal invasion of Ukraine. This measure forms part of Australia’s defence, economic and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.

This measure applies a ‘Free’ rate of duty to all goods that are the produce or manufacture of Ukraine except for excise-equivalent goods, such as certain alcohol, fuel, tobacco and petroleum products.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$2.0 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Visa Application Charge – exemption for Virtus Games 2022

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	-0.3	-	-	-

The Government is waiving visa application charges for international teams, officials and official carers participating in the Virtus Oceania Asia Games 2022, which will be held in Australia from 5 to 11 November 2022. The Games is an international multi-sport competition for elite athletes with an intellectual impairment.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$0.3 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Social Services

Fraud Fusion Taskforce

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	53.0	79.5	79.5	79.5
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>	-	10.4	15.9	16.0	16.1
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.8
<i>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</i>	-	2.2	4.9	5.0	5.0
<i>Services Australia</i>	-	1.6	13.8	3.6	4.7
<i>Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission</i>	-	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>	-	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.3
<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>	-	0.7	3.4	3.2	1.4
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>	-	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	-	0.2	0.9	1.0	1.0
<i>Department of Social Services</i>	-	-	-6.5	-2.8	-2.2
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	21.0	39.5	32.9	32.9

The Government will provide \$126.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish a cross-agency Fraud Fusion Taskforce to address fraud and serious non-compliance in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The Taskforce will comprise a range of Commonwealth agencies delivering government programs, with the support of law enforcement, regulatory and intelligence agencies. The Fraud Fusion Taskforce replaces the existing NDIS Fraud Taskforce. As part of this measure the Government will also extend funding for the existing Taskforce Integrity within Services Australia until 30 June 2024 as it transitions into the Fraud Fusion Taskforce.

The measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$291.5 million from recoveries of debts from NDIS providers.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Treasury

Australia’s Foreign Investment Framework – increase to fees and penalties

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	100.3	115.7	120.7	120.7

The Government has increased foreign investment fees and will increase financial penalties for breaches that relate to residential land. Fees doubled on 29 July 2022 for all applications made under the foreign investment framework. The maximum financial penalties that can be applied for breaches in relation to residential land will also double on 1 January 2023.

Fees ensure Australians do not bear the cost of administering the foreign investment framework, and penalties encourage compliance with these rules.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$457.4 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Depreciation – reverse the measure allowing taxpayers to self-assess the effective life of intangible depreciating assets

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	20.0	150.0	380.0

The Government will not proceed with the measure to allow taxpayers to self-assess the effective life of intangible depreciating assets, announced in the 2021–22 Budget.

Reversing this decision will maintain the status quo – effective lives of intangible depreciating assets will continue to be set by statute. This will avoid the potential integrity concerns with the previously announced measure and contribute to budget repair.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$550.0 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Digital Currency – clarifying that digital currencies are not taxed as foreign currency

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will introduce legislation to clarify that digital currencies (such as Bitcoin) continue to be excluded from the Australian income tax treatment of foreign currency. This maintains the current tax treatment of digital currencies, including the capital gains tax treatment where they are held as an investment. This measure removes uncertainty following the decision of the Government of El Salvador to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender and will be backdated to income years that include 1 July 2021.

The exclusion does not apply to digital currencies issued by, or under the authority of, a government agency, which continue to be taxed as foreign currency.

This measure is estimated to have no impact on receipts over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Personal Income Taxation Compliance Program

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	151.2	287.2	236.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	39.9	40.4	-

The Government will provide \$80.3 million to the ATO to extend the Personal Income Taxation Compliance Program for 2 years from 1 July 2023.

This extension will enable the ATO to continue to deliver a combination of proactive, preventative and corrective activities in key areas of non-compliance, including overclaiming of deductions and incorrect reporting of income. The funding will enable the ATO to modernise its guidance products, engage earlier with taxpayers and tax agents and target its compliance activity.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$674.4 million and increase payments by \$80.3 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Shadow Economy Program

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	403.7	714.5	940.7
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	87.3	153.7	201.3
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	79.6	81.0	82.3
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	-	166.9	234.7	283.6

The Government will extend the existing ATO Shadow Economy Program for a further 3 years from 1 July 2023.

The extension of the Shadow Economy Program will enable the ATO to continue a strong and co-ordinated response to target shadow economy activity, protect revenue and level the playing field for those businesses that are following the rules.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$2.1 billion and increase payments by \$685.2 million over the 4 years from 2022–23. This includes an increase in GST payments to the States and Territories of \$442.3 million.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Tax Avoidance Taskforce

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	277.0	535.4	729.0	1,308.5
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	200.5	201.6	203.2	534.5

The Government has boosted funding for the ATO Tax Avoidance Taskforce by around \$200 million per year over 4 years from 1 July 2022, in addition to extending this Taskforce for a further year from 1 July 2025.

The boosting and extension of the Tax Avoidance Taskforce will support the ATO to pursue new priority areas of observed business tax risks, complementing the ongoing focus on multinational enterprises and large public and private businesses.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$2.8 billion and increase payments by \$1.1 billion over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Improving the integrity of off-market share buy-backs

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	..	150.0	200.0	200.0

The Government will improve the integrity of the tax system by aligning the tax treatment of off-market share buy-backs undertaken by listed public companies with the treatment of on-market share buy-backs. This measure will apply from announcement on Budget night (7:30pm AEDT, 25 October 2022).

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$550.0 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-

The Government has expanded access to refunds of indirect tax (including GST, fuel and alcohol taxes) under the Indirect Tax Concession Scheme (ITCS) to the diplomatic and consular representations of Bhutan.

The Government has also extended ITCS access for Bhutan to include construction and renovation relating to their current and future diplomatic missions and consular posts.

This measure is estimated to result in a negligible decrease in receipts, and a negligible decrease in GST payments to the States and Territories, over the 4 years from 2022–23.

International Tax – Australia-Iceland Tax Treaty

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-

The Government signed the *Convention between Australia and Iceland for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance* on 12 October 2022.

The Convention facilitates trade and investment between Australia and Iceland by relieving double taxation, lowering withholding tax rates and improving certainty for taxpayers in both countries. It also gives effect to the G20/OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting recommendations, in accordance with the Government’s commitment to tax integrity.

This measure is estimated to result in a negligible decrease in receipts over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Making COVID-19 business grants non-assessable non-exempt

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*

In response to COVID-19, payments from certain state and territory business grants, made prior to 30 June 2022, can be made non-assessable, non-exempt (NANE) for income tax purposes, subject to eligibility. This tax treatment is only provided in exceptional circumstances, such as the severe economic consequences facing businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government has made the following state and territory COVID-19 grant programs eligible for NANE treatment, which will exempt eligible businesses from paying tax on these grants: Victoria Business Costs Assistance Program Four – Construction, Victoria Licenced Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 – July Extension, Victoria License, Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 – Top Up Payments, Victoria Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two – Top Up, Victoria Business Costs Assistance Program Round Three, Victoria Business Costs Assistance Program Round Four, Victoria Business Costs Assistance Program Round Five, Victoria Impacted Public Events Support Program Round Two, Victoria Live Performance Support Program (Presenters) Round Two, Victoria Live Performance Support Program (Suppliers) Round Two, Victoria Commercial Landlord Hardship Fund 3, Australian Capital Territory HOMEFRONT 3, and Australian Capital Territory Small Business Hardship Scheme.

This measure is estimated to result in an unquantifiable decrease in receipts over the 4 years from 2022–23.

More Competition, Better Prices – increase penalties

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	-	-	7.2	55.4

The Government will increase penalties for breaches of competition and consumer law to deter conduct that stifles competition and increases costs to consumers. Maximum penalties for corporations will increase from \$10 million to \$50 million per breach, and from 10 per cent of annual turnover to 30 per cent of turnover (whichever is greater) during the period the breach took place.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$62.6 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Multinational Tax Integrity Package – amending Australia’s interest limitation (thin capitalisation) rules

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-	370.0	350.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	1.3	3.6	0.3	0.2

The Government will strengthen Australia’s thin capitalisation rules to address risks to the corporate tax base arising from the use of excessive debt deductions. This measure will apply to income years commencing on or after 1 July 2023.

The current thin capitalisation regime limits debt deductions up to the maximum of three different tests: a safe harbour (debt to asset ratio) test; an arm’s length debt test; and a worldwide gearing (debt to equity ratio) test. The Government will replace the safe harbour and worldwide gearing tests with earnings-based tests to limit debt deductions in line with an entity’s activities (profits).

This measure includes changes to:

- limit an entity’s debt-related deductions to 30 per cent of profits (using EBITDA – earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation – as the measure of profit). This new earnings-based test will replace the safe harbour test
- allow deductions denied under the entity-level EBITDA test (interest expense amounts exceeding the 30 per cent EBITDA ratio) to be carried forward and claimed in a subsequent income year (up to 15 years)

- allow an entity in a group to claim debt-related deductions up to the level of the worldwide group’s net interest expense as a share of earnings (which may exceed the 30 per cent EBITDA ratio). This new earnings-based group ratio will replace the worldwide gearing ratio
- retain an arm’s length debt test as a substitute test which will apply only to an entity’s external (third party) debt, disallowing deductions for related party debt under this test.

The changes will apply to multinational entities operating in Australia and any inward or outward investor, in line with the existing thin capitalisation regime. Financial entities will continue to be subject to the existing thin capitalisation rules.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$720.0 million and increase payments by \$5.4 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Multinational Tax Integrity Package – denying deductions for payments relating to intangibles held in low- or no-tax jurisdictions

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	40.0	110.0	100.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	5.3	0.8	0.6

The Government will introduce an anti-avoidance rule to prevent significant global entities (entities with global revenue of at least \$1 billion) from claiming tax deductions for payments made directly or indirectly to related parties in relation to intangibles held in low- or no-tax jurisdictions. For the purposes of this measure, a low- or no-tax jurisdiction is a jurisdiction with:

- a tax rate of less than 15 per cent or
- a tax preferential patent box regime without sufficient economic substance.

The measure will apply to payments made on or after 1 July 2023.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$250.0 million and increase payments by \$6.7 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Multinational Tax Integrity Package – improved tax transparency

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	0.3	2.9	1.3	0.6

The Government will introduce reporting requirements for relevant companies to enhance the tax information they disclose to the public, for income years commencing from 1 July 2023.

The Government will require:

- large multinationals, defined as significant global entities, to prepare for public release of certain tax information on a country by country (CbC) basis and a statement on their approach to taxation, for disclosure by the ATO
- Australian public companies (listed and unlisted) to disclose information on the number of subsidiaries and their country of tax domicile and
- tenderers for Australian Government contracts worth more than \$200,000 to disclose their country of tax domicile (by supplying their ultimate head entity's country of tax residence).

This measure is estimated to have an unquantifiable impact on receipts and to increase payments by \$5.1 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Philanthropy – updates to specifically listed deductible gift recipients

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3

The Government will amend the tax law to specifically list Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) for donations made from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025.

The Government will also extend the listing of Australian Women Donors Network as a DGR for 5 years, for gifts made from 9 March 2023 to 8 March 2028.

Taxpayers may claim an income tax deduction for donations of \$2 or more to DGRs.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$0.8 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Powering Australia – Electric Car Discount

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	-20.0	-25.0	-40.0	-55.0
Australian Taxation Office	-	-25.0	-50.0	-75.0	-120.0
Total – Receipts	-	-45.0	-75.0	-115.0	-175.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-5.0	-10.0	-20.0	-30.0

The Government will cut taxes on electric cars so that more Australians can afford them.

From 1 July 2022, the measure will exempt battery, hydrogen fuel cell and plug-in hybrid electric cars from fringe benefits tax and import tariffs if they have a first retail price below the luxury car tax threshold for fuel-efficient cars. The car must not have been held or used before 1 July 2022.

Employers will need to include exempt electric car fringe benefits in an employee’s reportable fringe benefits amount.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$410.0 million and decrease payments by \$65.0 million over the 4 years from 2022–23. The measure will be reviewed after 3 years.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Providing certainty on unlegislated tax and superannuation measures announced by the previous Government

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-4.1	3.5	15.0	15.0
Total – Receipts	-	-4.1	3.5	15.0	15.0
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-4.1	-	-	-

The Government has reviewed and will not proceed with the following legacy tax and superannuation measures that were announced but not legislated by the previous Government:

- The 2013-14 MYEFO measure that proposed to amend the debt/equity tax rules.
- The 2016–17 Budget measure that proposed changes to the taxation of financial arrangements (TOFA) rules (a delayed start date was announced in 2018–19 Budget).
- The 2016–17 Budget measure that proposed changes to the taxation of asset-backed financing arrangements.

- The 2016–17 Budget measure that proposed introducing a new tax and regulatory framework for limited partnership collective investment vehicles.
- The 2018–19 Budget measure that proposed changing the annual audit requirement for certain self-managed superannuation funds (SMSFs).
- The 2018–19 Budget measure that proposed introducing a limit of \$10,000 for cash payments made to businesses for goods and services (a delayed start date was announced in 2018–19 MYEFO).
- The 2018–19 Budget measure that proposed introducing a requirement for retirement income product providers to report standardised metrics in product disclosure statements.
- The 2021–22 MYEFO measure that proposed establishing a deductible gift recipient category for providers of pastoral care and analogous well-being services in schools.

Further, the Government will defer the start dates of the following legacy tax and superannuation measures to allow sufficient time for policies to be legislated and implemented:

- The 2019–20 MYEFO measure that proposed introducing a sharing economy reporting regime, from:
 - 1 July 2022 to 1 July 2023 for transactions relating to the supply of ride sourcing and short-term accommodation, and
 - 1 July 2023 to 1 July 2024 for all other reportable transactions (including but not limited to asset sharing, food delivery and tasking-based services).
- The 2021–22 Budget measure that proposed relaxing residency requirements for SMSFs, from 1 July 2022 to the income year commencing on or after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.
- The 2021–22 Budget measure that proposed making technical amendments to the TOFA rules, from 1 July 2022 to the income year commencing on or after the date of Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$29.4 million, and decrease GST payments to the States and Territories by \$4.1 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

Superannuation – expanding eligibility for downsizer contributions

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-10.0	-10.0

The Government will allow more people to make downsizer contributions to their superannuation, by reducing the minimum eligibility age from 60 to 55 years of age. The measure will have effect from the start of the first quarter after Royal Assent of the enabling legislation.

The downsizer contribution allows people to make a one-off post-tax contribution to their superannuation of up to \$300,000 per person from the proceeds of selling their home. Both members of a couple can contribute and contributions do not count towards non-concessional contribution caps.

This measure provides greater flexibility to contribute to superannuation and aims to encourage older Australians to downsize sooner to a home that better suits their needs, thereby increasing the availability of suitable housing for Australian families.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$20.0 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Tax Practitioners Board – compliance program to enhance tax system integrity

Receipts (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	9.1	25.0	47.8
<i>Related payments (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	4.4	6.8	9.6
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>	-	-	1.4	3.1	5.5
<i>Total – Payments</i>	-	-	5.8	9.9	15.1

The Government will provide \$30.4 million to the Tax Practitioners Board (TPB) to increase compliance investigations into high-risk tax practitioners and unregistered preparers over 4 years from 1 July 2023.

The TPB will use new risk engines to better identify tax practitioners who engage in poor and unlawful tax advice, to improve tax compliance and raise industry standards.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$81.9 million, and increase payments by \$30.8 million, over the 4 years from 2022–23. This includes an increase in GST payments to the States and Territories of \$10.0 million.

Part 2: Payment Measures

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY					
<i>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>					
A Better Plan for Forestry and Forest Products	-	1.5	25.5	29.6	33.0
Animal Welfare Strategy – Inspector-General of Animal Welfare – establishment	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Bolstering Australia's Biosecurity System – protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks	-	38.3	3.8	3.1	3.1
Government Spending Audit – Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – efficiencies	-	-11.1	-6.0	-	-
Improving Drought Readiness, Resilience and Preparedness	-	3.5	3.1	-	-
Powering Australia – Development of Australia's Seaweed Farming	-	2.4	3.6	2.0	-
Support for Regional Trade Events	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
Support for the Aviation Sector	-	1.3	1.2	-	-
Portfolio total	-	37.1	32.3	35.8	37.1
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S					
<i>Attorney-General's Department</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	-	-	-	-
Attorney-General's Portfolio – savings	-	-1.0	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8
Delivery of a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum – preparatory work	-	1.1	0.5	-	-
First Nations Justice	-	12.5	23.3	23.7	23.1
Funding for Community Legal Centres in Flood and Bushfire Affected Areas	-	-	-	-	-
Government Spending Audit – Attorney-General's Portfolio – efficiencies	-	-35.0	-15.0	-	-
National Anti-Corruption Commission – establishment	-	5.7	1.5	1.1	1.3
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	1.9	3.6	3.6	1.8
Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – extension	-	-	-	-	-
Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme	-	30.0	-	-	-
Support for Community Sector Organisations	-	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Tackling Modern Slavery	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S (continued)					
Women's Safety	-	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.3
<i>Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity</i>					
National Anti-Corruption Commission – establishment	-	27.5	-25.1	-25.2	-25.7
<i>Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission</i>					
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
<i>Australian Federal Police</i>					
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.3
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	31.6	14.2	-	-
Quad Leaders' Summit Policy Priorities and Hosting Proposal	-	4.7	-	-	-
<i>Australian Human Rights Commission</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	3.3	7.0	6.4	5.2
National Anti-Racism Strategy	-	2.6	2.1	1.4	1.4
Women's Safety – Respect@Work	-	0.1	2.8	3.6	2.4
<i>Australian Institute of Criminology</i>					
First Nations Justice	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</i>					
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Commonwealth Integrity Commission</i>					
National Anti-Corruption Commission – establishment	-	-17.5	-17.9	-17.9	-17.8
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>					
Secure Australian Jobs(b)	-	0.7	2.3	2.3	2.4
<i>National Anti-Corruption Commission</i>					
National Anti-Corruption Commission – establishment	-	-	74.4	67.3	81.1
<i>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	3.0	2.5	-	-
<i>Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</i>					
National Anti-Corruption Commission – establishment	-	-	0.1	0.2	0.2
<i>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</i>					
Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing	-	3.1	7.9	5.8	5.9
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	0.7	3.4	3.2	1.4
National Anti-Corruption Commission – establishment	-	-	-	0.6	1.0
<i>Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security</i>					
National Anti-Corruption Commission – establishment	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.2
Portfolio total	-	86.3	97.1	85.6	93.2

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER					
<i>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</i>					
First Nations Community Microgrids Program	-	-0.1	-0.2
Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies	-	-6.8	-5.2	-5.3	-3.5
Powering Australia – Community Batteries for Household Solar	-	0.9	29.1	80.1	78.4
Powering Australia – Driving the Nation Fund – establishment	-	-	3.4	53.5	52.6
Support for Energy Security and Reliability	-	29.2	29.5	0.7	0.7
<i>Bureau of Meteorology</i>					
Aviation Meteorological Services – additional funding	-	16.4	-	-	-
Murray-Darling Basin – water market reform	-	nfp	-	-	-
<i>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i>					
Powering Australia – Rewiring the Nation(b)	-	8.0	13.5	14.2	14.5
<i>Clean Energy Regulator</i>					
Carbon Farming Outreach Program	-	-1.6	-0.8	-0.5	-
Powering Australia – Establishing the Powering the Regions Fund	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Climate Change Authority</i>					
Restoring the Climate Change Authority and Delivering Annual Climate Change Statements to Parliament	-	7.6	10.7	12.1	12.2
<i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</i>					
Australia’s International Climate Step-Up	-	20.1	13.9	5.5	4.7
Carbon Capture Technologies for Net Zero and Negative Emissions – establishment	-	0.8	-0.7	-0.4	0.2
Carbon Farming Outreach Program	-	-2.8	-2.1	0.6	7.1
Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre (Central Queensland University)	-	15.0	..	-	-
Commonwealth Climate Risk and Opportunity Management Program	-	3.7	3.6	1.1	1.0
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – additional resourcing	-	87.8	64.1	63.8	60.0
Diesel Exhaust Fluid Market Security	-	18.4	12.2	4.5	-33.9
Enabling a Low Emissions Future and Supporting Green Markets	-	2.2	-	-	-
Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	-	17.0	42.0	0.9	-
Engaging with First Nations Peoples on Climate Change	-	0.2	4.7	5.9	5.2

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (continued)					
Establishing Offshore Renewables in Australia	-	0.5	-	-	-
Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies	-	-355.5	-171.4	-80.0	-41.8
Investing in Australia’s Indigenous Culture and World Heritage	-	1.1	3.2	2.1	1.6
Marine Parks Management	-	0.6	0.6	-	-
Murray-Darling Basin – delivering on water commitments	-	nfp	-	-	-
Murray-Darling Basin – compliance and science	-	3.0	1.9	1.4	0.4
Murray-Darling Basin – water market reform	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Next Phase of Natural Heritage Trust Funding	-	21.3	22.3	34.2	36.3
Powering Australia – Community Batteries for Household Solar	-	4.4	10.5	10.5	5.2
Powering Australia – Driving the Nation Fund – establishment	-	13.7	12.7	9.2	9.2
Powering Australia – Establishing the Powering the Regions Fund	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Powering Australia – Rewiring the Nation(b)	-	7.5	10.4	9.0	6.4
Powering Australia – Solar Banks	-	-	-	-	-
Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan – implementation	-	..	8.8	9.1	18.9
Response to the Samuel Review	-	-2.1	-	-	-
Restoring Funding to the Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia	-	0.2	..	0.2	2.5
Restoring the Climate Change Authority and Delivering Annual Climate Change Statements to Parliament	-	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.3
Saving Native Species	-	23.6	79.7	61.9	34.5
Shovel Ready Catchment and Reef Restoration Projects	-	11.4	39.0	19.7	20.7
Support for Energy Security and Reliability	-	-3.6	5.0	22.2	6.5
Supporting Australian Industry	-	0.7	1.0	0.5	-
Sustaining Environmental Assessments	-	3.9	51.3	62.0	-
Townsville Hydrogen Hub	-	0.5	24.0	21.5	17.5
Urban Rivers and Catchments Program	-	-	-	-	-
Water for Australia Plan	-	-0.4	-1.2	-	-
<i>Director of National Parks</i>					
Marine Parks Management	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (continued)					
<i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</i>					
Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan – implementation	-	-	2.5	3.0	3.2
<i>Murray-Darling Basin Authority</i>					
Murray-Darling Basin – compliance and science	-	5.1	13.0	3.5	-
Water for Australia Plan	-	0.6	0.9	0.3	-
Portfolio total	-	-46.6	333.6	428.6	321.4
CROSS PORTFOLIO					
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
Government Spending Audit – Providing Certainty on Unlegislated Measures Announced by the Previous Government(b)	-	126.4	254.2	460.4	756.9
Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses	-	-642.5	-809.2	-975.8	-1,142.5
Portfolio total	-	-516.1	-555.0	-515.4	-385.6
DEFENCE					
<i>Department of Defence</i>					
Additional Assistance to Ukraine(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Cyber Hubs pilot – extension	-	7.1	-	-	-
Improving Home Ownership for Defence Personnel and Veterans(b)	-	1.0	2.1	2.4	2.6
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	-	-	-	-
Purpose-Built Quarantine Facilities – maintenance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Support for Defence and Manufacturing Industries	-	-	-	-	-
Support for Veterans	-	-	-	-	-
Supporting Talent and Leadership in Australian Science and Technology	-	-4.0	-	-	-
Veterans' Wellbeing Package	-	-2.7	-5.0	-5.9	-6.9
Portfolio total	-	1.4	-2.9	-3.5	-4.3

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EDUCATION					
<i>Department of Education</i>					
Child Care Subsidy Reforms Integrity Package	-	-34.3	-42.2	-46.8	-49.7
Consent and Respectful Relationships Education	-	1.1	21.5	21.2	21.2
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Government Spending Audit – Education – efficiencies	-	-6.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	1.8	11.7	14.4	17.3
Office for Youth and Youth Engagement Strategy	-	1.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	1.4	5.8	10.8	16.0
Plan for Cheaper Child Care	-	13.1	1,333.6	1,587.0	1,708.9
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	25.0	25.7	26.3	26.9
Rural Health and Medical Training for Far North Queensland(b)	-	-	0.3	1.0	1.7
Schools Upgrade Fund	-	53.5	2.4	-	-
Startup Year – establishment(b)	-	1.6	..	..	..
Strengthening Australia’s Higher Education Sector(b)	-	40.5	111.4	124.0	72.0
Student Wellbeing Boost	-	200.0	3.7	-	-
Support for Community Sector Organisations	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Teacher Shortages	-	17.8	36.5	49.2	55.0
Teaching First Nations Languages in Schools	-	3.7	5.0	5.0	0.4
Portfolio total	-	321.2	1,518.1	1,795.0	1,872.3
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS					
<i>Australian Building and Construction Commission</i>					
Abolish the Australian Building and Construction Commission and Provide Additional Resources for the Fair Work Ombudsman	-	-17.9	-36.9	-37.7	-38.4
<i>Australian Skills Quality Authority</i>					
Training Package Assurance – funding redirection	-	-3.0	-4.1	-4.2	-4.2
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>					
Australian Skills Guarantee	-	-	-	-	-
Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme(b)	-	13.5	4.3	4.0	4.1
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
Future Arrangements for the Disability Employment Services Program	-	0.4	0.2	0.1	-
Government Spending Audit – Employment and Workplace Relations – efficiencies	-	-41.6	-52.3	-13.3	-8.0
Jobs and Skills Australia – establishment	-	4.1	7.4	1.4	-
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	-	-	-	-
National Study on Adult Foundation Skills	-	-	2.6	-	-2.6
New Energy Apprenticeships	-	9.2	11.5	12.6	19.2
New Energy Skills Program	-	3.8	2.3	1.8	1.8
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	-	3.2	2.8	2.8
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	1.5	0.3	-	-
Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave – small business assistance	-	0.6	0.6	-	-
PaTH Internships and National Work Experience Program – cessation	-	-2.2	-13.4	-12.8	-13.0
Replacing the Community Development Program with a New Jobs Program – trial	-	1.0	-	-	-
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	6.8	6.5	5.3	4.0
Secure Australian Jobs(b)	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Training Package Assurance – funding redirection	-	3.0	4.1	4.2	4.2
Vocational Education – fee-free TAFE and TAFE Technology Fund	-	8.1	3.6	1.1	1.1
Women’s Safety – Respect@Work	-	7.3	7.3	7.6	8.0
Workforce Australia – micro-policy amendments and onboarding complementary programs onto the Workforce Australia digital platform	-	-28.3	17.9	2.4	2.1
<i>Fair Work Commission</i>					
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	1.2	2.6	2.1	2.1
Secure Australian Jobs(b)	-	4.9	10.7	8.2	8.5
Transfer functions of the Registered Organisations Commission to the Fair Work Commission	-	3.7	7.5	7.6	7.7
<i>Fair Work Ombudsman and Registered Organisations Commission Entity</i>					
Abolish the Australian Building and Construction Commission and Provide Additional Resources for the Fair Work Ombudsman	-	16.3	17.7	17.9	18.0
Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave – small business assistance	-	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.2

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (continued)					
Secure Australian Jobs(b)	-	0.6	1.2	0.7	0.6
Transfer functions of the Registered Organisations Commission to the Fair Work Commission	-	-3.7	-7.5	-7.6	-7.7
Portfolio total	-	-9.2	-1.8	4.8	11.1
FINANCE					
<i>Australian Electoral Commission</i>					
Delivery of a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum – preparatory work	-	59.8	6.5	-	-
<i>Department of Finance</i>					
Abolish the Cashless Debit Card	-	0.1	-	-	-
Buy Australian Plan	-	-	-	-	-
Delivery of a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum – preparatory work	-	0.6	0.2	-	-
Implementing Aged Care Reform	-	-	0.2	0.2	-
National Reconstruction Fund – establishment(b)	-	0.5	0.7	-	-
National Security Office Precinct	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Powering Australia – Commonwealth Fleet Leases	-	1.2	3.1	5.1	6.6
Purpose-Built Quarantine Facilities – maintenance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Supporting Australia’s Resources	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Digital Transformation Agency</i>					
Cyber Hubs pilot – extension	-	1.9	-	-	-
myGov User Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	64.1	10.7	5.3	6.6
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE					
<i>Australian Trade and Investment Commission</i>					
Government Spending Audit – Foreign Affairs and Trade – efficiencies	-	-35.0	-	-	-
Supporting Australia’s Trade and Tourism Sectors	-	16.9	22.3	5.5	3.2
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>					
Additional Official Development Assistance	-	97.6	427.2	457.5	444.3
Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – expansion(b)	-	2.4	6.4	7.5	8.7
Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme(b)	-	7.3	5.5	1.5	1.5
First Nations Foreign Policy	-	1.3	0.7	-	-

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (continued)					
Government Spending Audit – Foreign Affairs and Trade – efficiencies	-	-25.8	-24.7	-22.5	-21.0
Memorial Services for Bali Bombings Travel Assistance Payment	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	1.7	3.2	3.2	3.3
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Southeast Asia Engagement Initiatives	-	-	-	-	-
Supporting Australia's Trade and Tourism Sectors	-	27.8	30.5	29.7	31.5
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation</i>					
Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – expansion(b)	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Tourism Australia</i>					
Government Spending Audit – Foreign Affairs and Trade – efficiencies	-	-22.0	-13.0	-	-
Portfolio total	-	72.1	458.1	482.5	471.5
HEALTH AND AGED CARE					
<i>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</i>					
Fixing the Aged Care Crisis	-	3.2	6.7	-	-
Implementing Aged Care Reform	-	2.1	4.1	1.6	-
<i>Australian Digital Health Agency</i>					
Implementing Aged Care Reform	-	2.5	-	-	-
<i>Australian Sports Commission</i>					
Revitalisation of the AIS Arena	-	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.9
Sport4All – First Nations Program – expansion	-	3.4	2.7	2.2	2.0
Strengthening First Nations Health	-	0.6	1.1	0.6	-
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>					
2022 Channel 7 Perth Telethon	-	4.7	-	-	-
Additional Assistance to Ukraine(b)	-	4.4	8.0	0.1	-
Australian Centre for Disease Control – design and consultation	-	1.7	-	-	-
Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games – departmental resourcing	-	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
Continuation of the National Sports Tribunal(b)	-	0.6	3.3	3.1	3.4
COVID-19 Package – aged care	-	844.7	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – hospitals and emergency response	-	48.3	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – Medicare and medicines	-	159.7	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – personal protective equipment and rapid antigen tests	-	-	-	-	-

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH AND AGED CARE (continued)					
COVID-19 Package – vaccines and treatments	-	332.2	-	-	-
Establishing a National Health Sustainability and Climate Unit to Inform the National Health Response to Climate Change	-	0.5	0.5	-	-
Expanding Newborn Screening – world-class newborn bloodspot screening programs	-	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.7
Fixing the Aged Care Crisis	-	32.8	171.7	968.9	1,267.0
Government Spending Audit – Health and Aged Care – efficiencies	-	-41.2	-3.0	-3.0	-3.1
Implementing Aged Care Reform	-	104.7	288.7	105.6	26.2
Improving Access to Care(b)	-	69.3	77.6	86.1	94.6
Improving Primary Care in Rural and Regional Australia	-	4.4	9.5	6.8	5.8
Lifting the Income Threshold for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	-	11.3	15.0	16.4	17.4
Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and amended listings	-	-5.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Mental Health	-	0.1	..	..	..
Mental Health Supports for Flood-affected Communities in New South Wales	-	-	-	-	-
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	21.0	42.9	44.7	46.0
More Access to Magnetic Resonance Imaging	-	2.0	3.2	3.4	3.5
National Autism Strategy	-	0.1	0.2	-	-
National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health	-	0.5	0.9	6.8	6.8
National Medical Stockpile – additional monkeypox vaccines(b)	-	73.7	-	-	-
National Melanoma Nurse Network	-	1.7	3.4	4.7	5.1
National Nurse and Midwife Health Support Service	-	0.6	5.7	6.0	5.7
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	-	1.9	5.3	8.3
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – new and amended listings(b)	-	243.6	385.9	373.1	380.4
Plan for Cheaper Medicines(b)	-	117.4	212.3	222.5	233.3
Radiation Therapy Centre and Birthing Unit and Maternity Ward	-	-	-	-	-
Renewing Australia’s Efforts to End the HIV Pandemic	-	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	5.0	2.0	-	-
Restoring Regional Mental Telehealth Services – restoring loading to regional psychiatry telehealth services	-	7.1	12.0	13.2	14.3
Rural and Regional Health	-	4.7	28.1	45.2	47.2

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HEALTH AND AGED CARE (continued)					
Rural Health and Medical Training for Far North Queensland(b)	-	-	5.5	4.1	0.6
Shepherd Centres – better care for Australian children with hearing loss	-	7.7	1.9	0.8	-
Startup Year – establishment(b)	-	-
Stay Afloat	-	-	-	-	-
Strengthening First Nations Health	-	29.4	69.2	101.8	95.0
Strengthening Medicare GP Grants	-	201.5	26.1	-	-
Strengthening Women’s Health During Pregnancy – stillbirth autopsies	-	-	-	-	-
Support for Bleeding Disorder Education and Engagement	-	-	-	-	-
Support for Community Sector Organisations	-	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1
Support for New and Expecting Parents	-	-1.0	3.5	2.9	2.9
Supporting Access to After-Hours Primary Care Services – Brighton Walk-In After- Hours Health Centre	-	1.6	-	-	-
Supporting the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People	-	0.9	-	-	-
Surf Life Saving Clubs	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	-
Telehealth Nurse Program – Patient Pathways – extension of Rare Disease Telehealth Nurse Program	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
Therapeutic Goods Administration – completion of digital and business transformation for consumers, healthcare providers and industry(b)	-	13.9	9.4	-	-
Urgent Care Clinics	-	21.5	40.2	36.4	36.9
Portfolio total	-	2,363.5	1,465.6	2,084.7	2,322.5
HOME AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>					
A Government that Works for Multicultural Australia	-	0.5	0.5	-	-
Additional Assistance to Ukraine(b)	-	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
Community Language Schools	-	6.3	5.7	5.7	0.5
Cyber Hubs pilot – extension	-	8.6	-	-	-
Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme(b)	-	1.2	0.3	-	-
Fighting Online Scams	-	2.0	-	-	-
Government Spending Audit – Home Affairs – efficiencies	-	-10.2	-5.0	-	-
Improving the Adult Migrant English Program	-	2.5	5.0	5.0	7.5
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	9.2	5.5	3.1	2.1
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	40.9	1.4	-	-

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
HOME AFFAIRS (continued)					
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	3.0	9.0	10.0	17.4
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	3.4	6.5	6.8	6.8
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	5.9	0.2	0.2	..
Support for Community Sector Organisations	-
Support for the Aviation Sector	-	7.1	3.2	-	-
<i>National Emergency Management Agency</i>					
Disaster Ready Fund	-	30.4	200.0	200.0	200.0
Disaster Relief Australia	-	3.9	8.4	10.8	15.2
Disaster Support	-	0.8	0.7	-	-
Pandemic Support Payment extensions(b)	-	858.5	-	-	-
Plan for Disaster Readiness – rising insurance premiums	-	5.3	9.4	5.3	2.7
Portfolio total	-	982.6	251.0	247.1	252.5
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES					
<i>Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation</i>					
Supporting Australia's Resources	-	-0.1	-0.3	..	0.6
<i>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</i>					
Government Spending Audit – Foreign Affairs and Trade – efficiencies	-	-2.1	-0.8	-6.6	-1.2
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	15.0	-	-	-
Supporting Australia's Resources	-	-2.0	-0.4	-0.9	2.1
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>					
Buy Australian Plan	-	-	-	-	-
Government Spending Audit – Foreign Affairs and Trade – efficiencies	-	-5.3	-2.5	-3.3	-3.7
Government Spending Audit – Industry and Science Portfolio – efficiencies	-	-164.3	-192.8	-77.5	-71.7
National Reconstruction Fund – establishment(b)	-	9.0	34.5	-	-
Supporting Australia's Resources	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Supporting Australian Industry	-	54.3	46.4	27.6	4.9
Supporting Talent and Leadership in Australian Science and Technology	-	9.3	11.7	9.3	6.6
Supporting the Supply of Australian Gas	-	2.1	2.9	2.9	3.0
<i>Geoscience Australia</i>					
Supporting Australia's Resources	-	-2.7	-0.1	0.6	2.1
Portfolio total	-	-86.8	-101.4	-48.0	-57.2

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS					
<i>Australia Council</i>					
Supporting the Arts(b)	-	-	5.0	5.1	5.2
<i>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</i>					
Better Funded National Broadcasters	-	21.4	20.9	20.9	20.9
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
<i>Australian Communications and Media Authority</i>					
Australian Communications and Media Authority – spectrum management	-	2.1	9.6	8.9	5.8
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	0.4	0.1	-	-
<i>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</i>					
Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia	-	-145.7	34.3	52.7	-42.5
Better Funded National Broadcasters	-	-	-	-	-
Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games – departmental resourcing	-	0.8	1.8	1.6	1.6
Building a Better Future through considered Infrastructure Investment(b)	-	16.0	80.8	29.1	254.1
Government Spending Audit – Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – efficiencies	-	-11.8	-11.4	-3.4	-3.4
Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies	-	-6.1	-7.1	-9.0	-8.1
Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge – increase	-	-	-	-	-
Improving the NBN	-	4.7	..	..	-
National Water Grid – delivering commitments	-	-5.0	-20.5	-6.5	-
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Powering Australia – Driving the Nation Fund – establishment	-	0.2	0.3	3.5	3.5
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	-939.0	-593.8	-268.6	94.5
Safe Kids are eSmart Kids	-	-	1.9	2.1	2.0
Strategic Fleet Taskforce – establishment	-	6.3	-	-	-
Support for Community Sector Organisations	-	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Support for the Aviation Sector	-	23.1	63.9	40.0	-
Supporting Local News and Community Broadcasting	-	15.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Supporting the Arts(b)	-	-5.4	-4.5	-4.4	-4.2

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS (continued)					
Tourist and Heritage Operators' Rail Safety Regulation	-	-	1.6	1.7	1.7
<i>National Faster Rail Agency</i>					
Building a Better Future through considered Infrastructure Investment(b)	-	-1.2	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6
<i>Screen Australia</i>					
Supporting the Arts(b)	-	0.8	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-1,013.4	-405.5	-114.9	342.7
PARLIAMENT					
<i>Department of Parliamentary Services</i>					
Department of Parliamentary Services – additional resourcing	-	4.2	4.8	3.4	3.5
Portfolio total	-	4.2	4.8	3.4	3.5
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET					
<i>Australian Public Service Commission</i>					
Government Spending Audit – Foreign Affairs and Trade – efficiencies	-	-1.6	-2.0	-1.2	-1.3
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	0.8	3.6	3.5	3.5
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing(b)	-	-8.3	-3.0	-3.2	-3.0
<i>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>					
Early Investment in a National Strategy to Achieve Gender Equality	-	3.1	-	-	-
Government Spending Audit – Australian Future Leaders Program – reversal	-	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Plan for the National Disability Insurance Scheme	-	11.1	3.9	-	-
Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing(b)	-	24.7	15.5	4.6	-
Quad Leaders' Summit Policy Priorities and Hosting Proposal	-	18.4	-	-	-
<i>National Indigenous Australians Agency</i>					
15th Anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples	-	1.5	-	-	-
Closing the Gap Housing Policy Partnership	-	-	-	-	-
Delivery of a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum – preparatory work	-	3.8	2.7	-	-
Eileen Cummings v Commonwealth of Australia – settlement	-	50.5	-	-	-
First Nations – community projects	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET (continued)					
First Nations Justice	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
Funding for Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation	-	-	-	-	-
Implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart – Makarrata Commission	-	1.7	2.6	1.6	-
Next Phase of Natural Heritage Trust Funding	-	-	2.5	2.7	2.7
Replacing the Community Development Program with a New Jobs Program – trial	-	2.7	0.2	-	-
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	2.4	0.6	-	-
Restoring Funding for Homelands	-	-	-	-	-
Scotdesco – water security feasibility study	-	-0.3	-0.3	-	-
Strengthening First Nations Health	-	-	-	-	-
Support for Community Sector Organisations	-	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.5
<i>Office of National Intelligence</i>					
National Security Office Precinct	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
<i>Various Agencies</i>					
An Ambitious and Enduring APS Reform Plan	-	..	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	155.0	70.9	52.5	45.4
SOCIAL SERVICES					
<i>Department of Social Services</i>					
Abolish the Cashless Debit Card	-	7.9	1.6	-2.7	-6.1
Additional Funding for the Activ Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
Better Support for People Living With Disability	-	8.9	11.5	12.3	9.8
Boosting Parental Leave to Enhance Economic Security, Support and Flexibility for Australia's Families(b)	-	-42.6	-35.0	258.7	573.7
Closing the Gap Housing Policy Partnership	-	1.2	3.1	3.2	-
Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas	-	8.5	8.5	-	-
Early Years Strategy – development	-	0.9	0.5	-	-
Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme(b)	-	0.1	3.0	5.5	6.2
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	-	-6.5	-2.8	-2.2
Future Arrangements for the Disability Employment Services Program	-	4.6	6.9	4.0	3.2
Government Spending Audit – Social Services – efficiencies	-	-10.7	-0.8	-1.6	-1.7
Incentivising Pensioners to Downsize(b)	-	9.0	18.4	19.2	20.1
Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce(b)	-	55.4	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)					
Lifting the Income Threshold for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	-	-	-	-	-
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	8.6	26.6	42.6	50.6
National Autism Strategy	-	5.0	-	-	-
National Housing and Homelessness Plan	-	0.2	0.3	1.6	1.8
National Redress Scheme	-	15.0	-	-	-
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	-	5.7	18.6	33.6
PaTH Internships and National Work Experience Program – cessation	-	-1.5	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3
Plan for the National Disability Insurance Scheme	-	-10.1	3.2	7.3	-
Replacing the Community Development Program with a New Jobs Program – trial Startup Year – establishment(b)	-	-2.0	-0.7	-0.2	-
Support for Community Sector Organisations	-	64.4	64.4	64.4	64.4
Support for Community Wellbeing	-	2.5	3.6	3.6	1.5
Treasury – additional funding(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Women’s Safety	-	22.0	11.5	7.1	-23.5
Women’s Safety – 500 community workers	-	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.0
<i>National Disability Insurance Agency</i>					
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	10.4	15.9	16.0	16.1
Investing in Front Line Service Delivery	-	22.4	45.0	45.3	45.5
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Plan for the National Disability Insurance Scheme	-	5.8	385.0	-	-
<i>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</i>					
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	2.2	4.9	5.0	5.0
<i>Services Australia</i>					
100 More Centrelink Workers in Far North Queensland	-	-	-	-	-
Abolish the Cashless Debit Card	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Additional Assistance to Ukraine(b)	-	0.7	0.3	-	-
Administration of COVID-19 and Emergency Payments	-	588.4	-	-	-
Boosting Parental Leave to Enhance Economic Security, Support and Flexibility for Australia’s Families(b)	-	4.7	6.5	3.5	2.1
Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas	-	5.7	5.4	2.0	1.3
COVID-19 Package – aged care	-	0.3	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – Medicare and medicines	-	1.4	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – vaccines and treatments	-	4.5	-	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)					
Cyber Hubs pilot – extension	-	8.0	-	-	-
Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme(b)	-	6.6	1.7	0.7	0.6
Fixing the Aged Care Crisis	-	4.3	0.7	0.6	-
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	1.6	13.8	3.6	4.7
Implementing Aged Care Reform	-	2.4	1.3	0.3	0.3
Incentivising Pensioners to Downsize(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Investing in Front Line Service Delivery	-	12.8	25.7	25.8	26.0
Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce(b)	-	4.0	0.1	-	-
Lifting the Income Threshold for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	-	4.3	1.6	1.7	1.8
Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and amended listings	-
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.7
Modernisation to Reduce Wait Times to Access Support and Services	-	-14.0	-6.0	-	-
myGov User Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	4.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
PaTH Internships and National Work Experience Program – cessation	-	1.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – new and amended listings(b)	-	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Data Distribution Project	-	2.8	6.5	3.3	0.7
Plan for Cheaper Child Care	-	13.9	14.1	6.1	2.8
Plan for Cheaper Medicines(b)	-	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Replacing the Community Development Program with a New Jobs Program – trial	-	-0.1	-	-	-
Restoring Regional Mental Telehealth Services – restoring loading to regional psychiatry telehealth services	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
Rural and Regional Health	-	2.5	3.7	0.6	0.6
Save Our Centrelink – boosting Government services in Sorell	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Startup Year – establishment(b)	-	3.9	1.6	0.1	0.1
Support for New and Expecting Parents	-
Treasury – additional funding(b)	-	-0.7	-	-	-
Workforce Australia – micro-policy amendments and onboarding complementary programs onto the Workforce Australia digital platform	-	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Portfolio total	-	859.3	656.7	558.4	842.7

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY					
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics</i>					
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	0.8	1.2	0.7	1.2
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i>					
Fighting Online Scams	-	-	-	-	-
Murray-Darling Basin – water market reform	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Plan for Cheaper Child Care	-	7.8	3.0	-	-
Powering Australia – Community Batteries for Household Solar	-	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.8
Support for the Australian Energy Regulator to Implement Regulatory Changes	-	3.2	6.5	6.8	6.4
Supporting the Supply of Australian Gas	-	-	6.3	3.0	4.8
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>					
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	0.2	0.9	1.0	1.0
Modernising Business Registers – program funding, director ID sustainment and registry stabilisation	-	25.5	5.5	6.9	6.8
Treasury – additional funding(b)	-	-1.0	-9.9	-12.1	-
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>					
Cyber Hubs pilot – extension	-	5.6	-	-	-
Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Personal Income Taxation Compliance Program(b)	-	-	39.9	40.4	-
Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Shadow Economy Program(b)	-	-	79.6	81.0	82.3
Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Tax Avoidance Taskforce(b)	-	200.5	201.6	203.2	534.5
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.8
Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge – increase	-	-38.3	-57.5	-59.8	-60.0
Modernising Business Registers – program funding, director ID sustainment and registry stabilisation	-	74.1	16.0	16.4	14.8
Multinational Tax Integrity Package – amending Australia’s interest limitation (thin capitalisation) rules(b)	-	1.3	3.6	0.3	0.2
Multinational Tax Integrity Package – denying deductions for payments relating to intangibles held in low or no tax jurisdictions(b)	-	-	5.3	0.8	0.6
Multinational Tax Integrity Package – improved tax transparency(b)	-	0.3	2.9	1.3	0.6
Tax Practitioners Board – compliance program to enhance tax system integrity(b)	-	-	4.4	6.8	9.6
Treasury – additional funding(b)	-	-	-0.6	-3.3	-0.4

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
<i>Department of the Treasury</i>					
A Better Plan for Forestry and Forest Products	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Assistance to Ukraine(b)	-
Attorney-General's Portfolio – savings	-	-4.4	-4.5	-	-
Bentley Surgicentre	-	-	0.6	15.0	17.5
Bolstering Australia's Biosecurity System – protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks	-	-	-	-	-
Building a Better Future through considered Infrastructure Investment(b)	-	-2,880.8	-4,657.9	-1,361.2	3,798.4
Comprehensive Cancer Centres	-	22.0	28.0	95.0	103.5
Contributions to the International Monetary Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust and Resilience and Sustainability Trust(b)	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – hospitals and emergency response	-	759.9	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – vaccines and treatments	-	16.1	-	-	-
Disaster Support	-	47.2	-	-	-
Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme(b)	-
Expanding Newborn Screening – world-class newborn bloodspot screening programs	-	4.9	6.3	6.4	7.7
Extend ATO Compliance Programs – Shadow Economy Program(b)	-	-	87.3	153.7	201.3
First Nations Justice	-	2.7	5.4	5.4	-
Fixing the Aged Care Crisis	-	1.4	-	-	-
Flinders Medical Centre	-	3.0	7.5	20.0	50.0
Funding for Community Legal Centres in Flood and Bushfire Affected Areas	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Government Spending Audit – National Water Grid Fund – responsible investment	-	-370.0	-279.5	-430.0	-593.5
Improving Primary Care in Rural and Regional Australia	-	5.0	7.4	5.4	5.4
Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions(b)	-
Investing in Australia's Indigenous Culture and World Heritage	-	2.5	0.8	0.8	0.6
Marine Parks Management	-	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.9
Migration Program – 2022-23 planning levels(b)	-	5.0	30.0	50.0	50.0
Murray-Darling Basin – compliance and science	-	-	6.0	6.0	6.0

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Murray-Darling Basin – delivering on water commitments	-	nfp	-	-	-
National Water Grid – delivering commitments	-	28.5	78.0	77.9	73.8
Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit(b)	-	4.4	0.3	-	-
Pacific Engagement Visa(b)	-	-	..	5.0	5.0
Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives	-	-	-	-	-
Powering Australia – Electric Car Discount(b)	-	-5.0	-10.0	-20.0	-30.0
Powering Australia – Solar Banks	-	-	50.5	50.5	-
Providing certainty on unlegislated tax and superannuation measures announced by the previous government(b)	-	-4.1	-	-	-
Radiation Therapy Centre and Birthing Unit and Maternity Ward	-	-	4.7	0.9	0.9
Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan – implementation	-	-	4.3	22.1	22.6
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	6.0	10.0	46.0	46.0
Restoring Funding for Homelands	-	25.0	75.0	-	-
Restoring Treasury’s Capability on Climate Risks and Opportunities – modelling and reporting standards	-	8.8	9.4	8.5	8.3
Rural and Regional Health	-	-	-	-	5.4
Safer and More Affordable Housing(b)	-	37.8	609.3	678.8	747.4
Saving Native Species	-	4.2	8.2	6.2	6.2
Schools Upgrade Fund	-	-	215.0	-	-
Scotdesco – water security feasibility study	-	0.3	0.3	-	-
Strengthening Women’s Health During Pregnancy – stillbirth autopsies	-	-	-	-	-
Supporting Small Business Owners	-	-5.0	6.8	3.0	-0.8
Supporting the Supply of Australian Gas	-	-15.0	-15.0	-	-
Tax Practitioners Board – compliance program to enhance tax system integrity(b)	-	-	1.4	3.1	5.5
Treasury – additional funding(b)	-	2.1	-	-	-
Urban Rivers and Catchments Program	-	5.0	13.2	22.8	22.8
Urgent Care Clinics	-	50.0	50.0	-	-
Vocational Education – fee-free TAFE and TAFE Technology Fund	-	350.5	216.9	134.2	136.6
Water for Australia Plan	-	-8.0	8.0	-	-

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
TREASURY (continued)					
Women's Safety	-	3.0	3.3	0.3	-0.8
Women's Safety – 500 community workers	-	18.2	39.9	52.4	54.5
Youpla Group Funeral Benefits Program – establishment	-	5.6	1.6	-	-
<i>National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation</i>					
Housing Accord	-	-	-	70.0	70.0
<i>Office of the Australian Accounting Standards Board</i>					
Restoring Treasury's Capability on Climate Risks and Opportunities – modelling and reporting standards	-	1.0	-	-	-
<i>Productivity Commission</i>					
Treasury – additional funding(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio total	-	-1,586.0	-3,065.3	28.8	5,430.1
VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
<i>Department of Veterans' Affairs</i>					
COVID-19 Package – aged care	-	0.1	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – Medicare and medicines	-	1.3	-	-	-
COVID-19 Package – vaccines and treatments	-	3.0	-	-	-
Expanding the Demand Driven Funding Model	-	15.6	3.4	3.2	2.1
Fixing the Aged Care Crisis	-	-	4.1	24.8	32.5
Fraud Fusion Taskforce(b)	-	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
Incentivising Pensioners to Downsize(b)	-	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Increasing the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Payment for Veterans	-	14.0	27.5	28.0	28.4
Investing in Front Line Service Delivery	-	33.9	66.0	66.7	67.3
Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce(b)	-	2.5	-	-	-
Legislative Pathway to Support Veterans and Families	-	4.3	5.2	-	-
Lifting the Income Threshold for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	-	-	-	-	-
Marking World War One Graves	-	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and amended listings	-	-0.1	..	..	..
Modernisation to Reduce Wait Times to Access Support and Services	-	46.2	5.2	-10.5	-7.2
More Access to Magnetic Resonance Imaging	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – new and amended listings(b)	-	4.4	6.8	9.1	9.5

Table 2: Payment measures since the 2022 PEFO^(a) (continued)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
VETERANS' AFFAIRS (continued)					
Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions	-	1.9	0.6	0.1	0.1
Restoring Regional Mental Telehealth Services – restoring loading to regional psychiatry telehealth services	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – extension	-	-	15.5	-	-
Support for New and Expecting Parents	-	..	0.1	0.2	0.2
Support for Veterans	-	0.7	2.7	-	-
Veterans' Wellbeing Package	-	-34.2	16.2	17.1	18.1
Portfolio total	-	94.6	155.0	140.3	152.7
Decisions taken but not yet announced and not for publication	-	722.1	789.0	709.4	914.8
Total impact of payment measures(c)	-	2,505.7	1,711.0	5,980.4	12,673.1

* The nature of the measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided.

.. Not zero, but rounded to zero.

- Nil.

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(a) A minus sign before an estimate indicates a reduction in payments, no sign before an estimate indicates increased payments.

(b) These measures can also be found in the receipt measures summary table.

(c) Measures may not add due to rounding.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

A Better Plan for Forestry and Forest Products

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.5	25.5	29.6	33.0
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	1.5	25.5	29.6	33.0

The Government will provide \$204.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support industry training, research and development to improve innovation and encourage sustainable and productive growth for Australia’s timber production. Funding includes:

- \$100.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to establish the Australia-wide National Institute for Forest Products and Innovation to support research and commercialisation in forestry industries
- \$86.2 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for grants to private industry and state-owned forestry corporations to establish new forestry plantations
- \$10.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support the delivery of qualifications, competencies and credentials to meet the training and accreditation needs of forestry and wood products industries
- \$8.6 million over 3 years from 2024–25 to extend funding for the Regional Forestry Hubs and expand their role to provide extension services from 2022–23.

This measure will redirect funding from components of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Forestry and Fishing – supporting the forestry and fishery industry*.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Animal Welfare Strategy – Inspector-General of Animal Welfare – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish an Inspector-General of Animal Welfare by expanding the functions of the office of the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports to include animal welfare objectives for exported livestock.

The expanded office would strengthen animal welfare standards by increasing accountability and transparency for reporting of animal welfare breaches, boost livestock export practices and help maintain Australia’s competitiveness in export markets.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Bolstering Australia’s Biosecurity System – protecting Australia from escalating exotic animal disease risks

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	38.3	3.8	3.1	3.1
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	38.3	3.8	3.1	3.1

The Government will provide \$134.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$3.3 million per year ongoing) to bolster biosecurity capability in Australia and support neighbouring countries to address the risk of exotic animal diseases. Funding includes:

- \$61.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to strengthen Australia’s frontline biosecurity capability, including enhancing the domestic detection and response capability in northern Australia, supporting domestic preparedness and biosecurity outcomes in neighbouring countries
- \$46.7 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to improve on-farm biosecurity and support the transition to a national livestock traceability system
- \$14.0 million in 2022–23 to improve Australia’s biosecurity systems and provide support for neighbouring countries battling foot and mouth disease and lumpy skin disease
- \$11.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$3.3 million per year ongoing from 2026–27) for expanded detector dog capability at Australia’s borders.

This measure will redirect funding from some components of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Agriculture – continuing to deliver Agriculture 2030* and the *Immediate Assistance Fund* program administered by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Government Spending Audit – Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	-11.1	-6.0	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-11.8	-11.4	-3.4	-3.4
Total – Payments	-	-22.9	-17.4	-3.4	-3.4

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding from 2019–20 Budget and 2022–23 March Budget measures. This totals \$47.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 in relation to agriculture, fisheries and forestry. Savings include:

- \$30.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for the partial reversal of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Regional Accelerator Program – establishment*, including redirecting uncommitted funding for the *National Centre for Digital Agriculture Innovation and Adoption Hubs*
- \$14.0 million over two years from 2022–23 for the partial reversal of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Agriculture – continuing to deliver Agriculture 2030*, including not proceeding with Round 2 of the *Agricultural Shows Development Grant* program
- \$2.8 million in 2022–23 for the partial reversal of the *Agriculture Shows and Field Days* program, including redirecting uncommitted funding from Round 2 of the program
- \$0.3 million in 2022–23 for the partial reversal of the 2019–20 Budget measure titled *National Agricultural Workforce Strategy* program.

This funding will offset the Government’s election commitments and will also be redirected to fund other Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Improving Drought Readiness, Resilience and Preparedness

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	3.5	3.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$20.8 million over two years from 2022–23 to support Australia’s readiness to respond to drought events. Funding includes:

- \$14.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to drive adoption of established drought resilience research
- \$6.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to maintain existing capability for future drought preparedness and support delivery of the National Drought Agreement and National Drought Plan.

This measure will redirect funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Future Drought Fund – Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan: improving readiness and resilience*.

Powering Australia – Development of Australia’s Seaweed Farming

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	2.4	3.6	2.0	-

The Government will provide \$8.1 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support commercialisation of seaweed as a low emissions feed and support projects that lower barriers to market entry. The funding will support the establishment of the National Hatchery Network, policy reform, and priority research and development activities.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Support for Regional Trade Events

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-

The Government will provide \$12.3 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to sponsor regional trade events including Beef Australia 2024, Casino Beef Week, the second Dairy Symposium, LambEx, Hort Connections 2023 and 2024, and other horticulture conferences and agritech industry events.

This measure will redirect funding from some components of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Agriculture – continuing to deliver Agriculture 2030*.

Attorney-General's

Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Human Rights Commission	-	3.3	7.0	6.4	5.2
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	3.1	7.9	5.8	5.9
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	-	3.0	2.5	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	9.3	17.4	12.2	11.1

The Government will provide \$59.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$13.3 million per year ongoing) to support the operations of the Australian Human Rights Commission, upgrade ICT infrastructure supporting Commonwealth prosecutions, and respond to the Optus data breach. Funding includes:

- \$31.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$7.4 million per year ongoing) to provide additional resourcing to the Australian Human Rights Commission to undertake its functions as Australia's national human rights institution
- \$22.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$5.9 million per year ongoing) to enhance the capacity of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to digitally manage evidence
- \$5.5 million over two years from 2022–23 for the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to investigate and respond to the Optus data breach.

The Government will also establish a taskforce within the Attorney-General's Department to scope options to establish a federal judicial commission, with costs to be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department.

This measure will redirect partial funding from the 2021–22 MYEFO measure titled *Attorney-General's Portfolio – additional resourcing*.

Attorney-General’s Portfolio – savings

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Attorney-General’s Department	-	-1.0	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8
Department of the Treasury	-	-4.4	-4.5	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-5.4	-6.3	-1.8	-1.8

The Government will redirect savings of \$15.3 million to fund other initiatives across the Attorney-General’s portfolio. Savings include:

- \$8.9 million over two years from 2022–23 from the deferred establishment of the National Coronial Centre, pending the outcomes of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide
- \$6.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.8 million per year ongoing) from the abolition of the Native Title Respondent Scheme, which funds the Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme and the Native Title Officer Scheme.

The savings from this measure will offset the Government’s election commitments and realign expenditure to support Government priorities.

First Nations Justice

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Attorney-General's Department	-	12.5	23.3	23.7	23.1
Department of the Treasury	-	2.7	5.4	5.4	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
Australian Institute of Criminology	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	16.2	29.7	30.1	23.1

The Government will provide \$99.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support improved justice outcomes for First Nations peoples. Funding includes:

- \$81.5 million for justice reinvestment initiatives to be delivered in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, including:
 - \$69.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$20.0 million per year ongoing) to invest in and expand locally tailored initiatives addressing the underlying causes of incarceration
 - \$12.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$3.1 million per year ongoing) to design and establish an independent unit to coordinate and support justice reinvestment initiatives
- \$13.5 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services to ensure First Nations families can access culturally appropriate and timely legal assistance before, during and after coronial processes
- \$3.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum to deliver legal and non-legal support to First Nations communities
- \$1.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for the representative peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, to support its contribution to law reform and policy development to address inequalities in the legal system.

The Government will also explore options for consolidated national real-time reporting of First Nations deaths in custody, with costs to be met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Institute of Criminology.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the Plan for a Better Future.

Funding for Community Legal Centres in Flood and Bushfire Affected Areas

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

The Government will provide \$12.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to community legal centres in New South Wales and Queensland to assist fire and flood affected individuals to access timely legal assistance.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Government Spending Audit – Attorney-General’s Portfolio – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Attorney-General's Department	-	-35.0	-15.0	-	-

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding of \$50.0 million over two years from 2022–23 from the reversal of Round 7 of the Safer Communities program, which was funded but not announced in the 2022–23 March Budget.

This funding will offset the Government’s election commitments and will also be redirected to fund other initiatives across the Attorney-General’s portfolio to realign expenditure to support other Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

National Anti-Corruption Commission – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	-	27.5	-25.1	-25.2	-25.7
Attorney-General's Department	-	5.7	1.5	1.1	1.3
Commonwealth Integrity Commission	-	-17.5	-17.9	-17.9	-17.8
National Anti-Corruption Commission	-	-	74.4	67.3	81.1
Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.2
Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	-	-	0.1	0.2	0.2
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	-	0.6	1.0
Total – Payments	-	15.7	33.2	26.2	40.4

The Government will provide \$262.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (including \$52.7 million in capital funding and \$70.1 million per year ongoing) to establish and support the ongoing operation of the independent National Anti-Corruption Commission (the Commission). The Commission will subsume the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI). The Commission will have broad jurisdiction to investigate serious or systemic corrupt conduct across the Commonwealth public sector, including Commonwealth ministers, parliamentarians and their staff, statutory office holders, staff of government entities, companies and contractors and by any person who adversely affects or could adversely affect the honest or impartial exercise of a public official's functions, including both criminal and noncriminal conduct. The Commission will also have preventative, educative and intelligence sharing-functions to support and promote anti-corruption best practice across the Commonwealth public sector.

Funding includes:

- \$222.9 million over 3 years from 2023–24 (and \$67.4 million per year ongoing) for the Commission
- \$27.5 million for ACLEI in 2022–23 to develop a secure and independent ICT environment, build new facilities and increase staff numbers and levels of security clearance in preparation for transition to the Commission
- \$7.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) for the Attorney-General's Department to assist with the establishment of the Commission and transition from ACLEI, as well as ongoing funding for legal financial assistance to support witnesses summonsed to attend a hearing before the Commission and persons seeking review of the Commission's decisions, subject to eligibility criteria

- \$1.9 million over 3 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.6 million per year ongoing) to the Attorney-General’s Department for an Inspector of the Commission and support staff, to deal with corruption issues relating to the Commission and complaints about the Commission
- \$1.6 million over two years from 2024–25 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to handle an increased volume of complex briefs of evidence that will flow from Commission investigations
- \$0.6 million over 3 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) for the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman to undertake mandatory inspections of the Commission’s use of certain covert powers
- \$0.5 million over 3 years from 2023–24 (and \$0.2 million per year ongoing) for the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security to receive and consider referrals of corruption issues relating to intelligence agencies.

Partial funding of \$166.7 million for this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of ACLEI and funding previously included in the Contingency Reserve for the Commonwealth Integrity Commission.

This measure delivers in part on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

National Anti-Racism Strategy

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Human Rights Commission	-	2.6	2.1	1.4	1.4

The Government will provide \$7.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.4 million per year ongoing) for the Australian Human Rights Commission to develop a National Anti-Racism Strategy and to extend the ‘Racism. It Stops With Me’ campaign, which seeks to raise public awareness, deliver public education and build community capacity to combat racism and discriminatory attitudes.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – extension

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Veterans’ Affairs	-	-	15.5	-	-
Attorney-General’s Department	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	15.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.5 million in 2023–24 to continue to support the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to engage with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide (the Royal Commission) following the extension of the Royal Commission reporting date to 17 June 2024.

The Government will also continue to support eligible witnesses to participate in the Royal Commission through extending legal advisory services and financial assistance arrangements. Commonwealth representation before the Royal Commission will also be funded, with costs to be met from within the existing resourcing of the Attorney-General’s Department.

Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Attorney-General's Department	-	30.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$30.0 million in 2022–23 for the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme.

The Royal Commission will inquire into, among other things, the establishment, design, implementation and outcomes of the debt assessment and recovery scheme known as Robodebt, the handling of concerns raised about the scheme, the use of third party debt collections, and the impacts of the operation of the scheme.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Tackling Modern Slavery

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Attorney-General's Department	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will establish a new unit within the Attorney-General's Department to scope options to establish an Anti-Slavery Commissioner to work with business, civil society and state and territory governments to support compliance with *Australia's Modern Slavery Act 2018* and address modern slavery in supply chains.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Attorney-General's Department.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Women’s Safety – Respect@Work

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	7.3	7.3	7.6	8.0
Australian Human Rights Commission	-	0.1	2.8	3.6	2.4
Total – Payments	-	7.4	10.1	11.2	10.4

The Government will provide \$42.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$10.2 million per year ongoing) to implement its response to recommendations of the Respect@Work Report. Funding includes:

- \$32.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$8.0 million per year ongoing) to fund Working Women’s Centres in all states and territories to provide advice, information and advocacy to workers on gender-based workplace issues, including sexual harassment
- \$5.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.8 million per year ongoing) to support education and compliance activities associated with introducing a positive duty on employers to take reasonable and proportionate measures to eliminate sex discrimination, sexual harassment and victimisation as far as possible
- \$2.6 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to hear and confidentially document the experiences of victims of historical workplace sexual harassment
- \$2.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to establish a one-stop shop for workplace sexual harassment information, including about victims’ rights, complaint options, support service referrals and employer responsibilities.

This measure will redirect partial funding from the Respect@Work implementation components of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Women’s Safety*.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Australia's International Climate Step-Up

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	20.1	13.9	5.5	4.7

The Government will provide \$45.8 million over 6 years from 2022–23 to restore Australia's reputation and increase international engagement on climate change and energy transformation issues. This funding will allow for leadership and engagement in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including to secure a bid to host a Conference of the Parties in partnership with Pacific Island Nations, the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue and other international forums, delivery of international clean energy partnerships and capacity building in the Pacific.

Costs of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies* and uncommitted funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Boosting the Modern Manufacturing and Addressing Critical Supply Vulnerabilities*.

Aviation Meteorological Services – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Bureau of Meteorology	-	16.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$16.4 million in 2022–23 to the Bureau of Meteorology to continue to provide essential aviation meteorological services while aviation activity continues to increase back to pre-pandemic levels.

This measure extends the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – aviation and tourism support – continued*.

Carbon Capture Technologies for Net Zero and Negative Emissions – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.8	-0.7	-0.4	0.2

The Government will provide \$141.1 million over 10 years from 2022–23 as part of a realignment of investment in carbon capture technologies. Program investments and related policy development will prioritise technology development for hard-to-abate industrial sectors (such as cement manufacturing); accelerate carbon dioxide removal and negative emissions technologies (such as direct air capture); and support research opportunities for institutions, as well as industry and international partners.

This measure will improve quality of spending by redirecting and delivering savings from the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Emissions Reduction and New Investment Under the Technology Investment Roadmap*.

Carbon Farming Outreach Program

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Clean Energy Regulator	-	-1.6	-0.8	-0.5	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-2.8	-2.1	0.6	7.1
Total – Payments	-	-4.4	-2.9	0.1	7.1

The Government will provide \$20.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish an outreach program to empower Australian farmers and land managers, including First Nations peoples, to participate in carbon markets and integrate low emission technologies and practices.

This measure will improve quality of spending by redirecting and delivering savings from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Energy and Emissions Reduction*.

Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre (Central Queensland University)

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	15.0	..	-	-

The Government will provide \$15.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to support improved scientific expertise at the Coastal Marine Ecosystem Research Centre at Central Queensland University.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Commonwealth Climate Risk and Opportunity Management Program

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	3.7	3.6	1.1	1.0

The Government will provide \$9.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to build climate risk management capabilities and systems across the Australian Public Service and commence designing a National Climate Risk Assessment.

Costs of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	87.8	64.1	63.8	60.0

The Government will provide \$275.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$60.5 million per year ongoing) to support establishing a strong Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. This includes establishing core institutional capabilities to deliver the Government’s agenda to reinvigorate Australian climate action and leadership, facilitate the smooth transformation of our energy system, capture the opportunities of a clean energy economy, help protect, restore and manage Australia’s environment and heritage, and improve the health of our rivers and freshwater ecosystems.

Diesel Exhaust Fluid Market Security

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	18.4	12.2	4.5	-33.9

The Government will provide \$49.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to increase the security of the diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) market in Australia. Funding includes:

- \$45.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to secure a stockpile of 5 weeks of emergency supply of technical grade urea, a key ingredient for DEF, and to create a grant program for small-scale DEF manufacturing projects
- \$4.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish an online data collection and reporting mechanism for the DEF market.

Costs of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies* and uncommitted funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Boosting the Modern Manufacturing Strategy and Addressing Critical Supply Vulnerabilities*.

Enabling a Low Emissions Future and Supporting Green Markets

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	2.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.2 million in 2022–23 towards developing and consulting on design and draft legislation for a Guarantee of Origin Certificate scheme, to track and verify emissions associated with renewable electricity, hydrogen and other low emissions commodities produced in Australia.

Costs of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	17.0	42.0	0.9	-

The Government will provide \$62.6 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support small to medium enterprises to fund energy efficient equipment upgrades. The funding will support studies, planning, equipment and facility upgrade projects that will improve energy efficiency, reduce emissions or improve the management of power demand.

Costs of this measure will be partially met within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Engaging with First Nations Peoples on Climate Change

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.2	4.7	5.9	5.2

The Government will provide \$15.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish the Torres Strait Climate Change Centre of Excellence to build the capability and capacity of Torres Strait Islander peoples to respond to climate change mitigation and adaptation through integrating technical expertise with traditional knowledge and delivering a Climate Warriors training program.

Costs of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

Establishing Offshore Renewables in Australia

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million in 2022–23 to develop an offshore renewable energy industry growth strategy to support the development of offshore renewable projects in Commonwealth waters.

Costs of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

First Nations Community Microgrids Program

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	-0.1	-0.2

The Government will provide \$83.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to develop and deploy microgrid technology across First Nations communities, to increase access to cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy. The microgrid projects will be developed in consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, First Nations clean energy experts and the states and territories.

This measure will redirect funding and deliver savings from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Energy and Emissions Reduction*.

Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-6.1	-7.1	-9.0	-8.1
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	-6.8	-5.2	-5.3	-3.5
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-355.5	-171.4	-80.0	-41.8
Total – Payments	-	-368.4	-183.8	-94.2	-53.4

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding from 2018–19 Budget, 2019–20 Budget, 2020–21 Budget, 2021–22 Budget, 2021–22 MYEFO, and 2022–23 March Budget measures. This totals \$746.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for climate change, energy, the environment and water. Savings include:

- \$325.9 million from the partial reversal of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Energy and Emissions Reduction*, including:
 - reversing uncommitted funding from unannounced, yet-to-be-initiated programs
 - not proceeding with gas or carbon capture and storage pipeline investments found to lack a case for government support
- \$100.0 million from the reversal of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Future Proofing Australia’s Unique Landscapes, Animals and Plants*, including uncommitted funding in the *Environment Restoration Fund*
- \$97.0 million from the redirection of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Water – supporting the Murray-Darling Basin*, including uncommitted funding from the *Healthy Rivers – Healthy Communities* program
- \$89.9 million from the partial reversal of the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Emissions Reduction and New Investments under the Technology Investment Roadmap*, including:
 - reversing uncommitted funding for international technology partnerships to other international climate engagement
 - reducing allocated funding for carbon capture, use and storage deployments, and redirecting remaining uncommitted funding to target technology development and hard-to-abate sectors
- \$35.0 million from the partial reversal of uncommitted funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Streamlining Environmental Protections and Modernising Indigenous Cultural Heritage* for single touch approvals and the bio-regional plans under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

- \$30.3 million from the partial redirection of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Regional Accelerator Program – establishment*, including uncommitted funding in the Recycling Modernisation Fund, to better align with our commitment to invest in emerging industries and Australia’s competitive advantages
- \$20.8 million from the partial reversal of the 2020–21 Budget measure titled *JobMaker Plan – investment in new energy technologies*, including redirecting uncommitted funding from freight energy productivity programs found not to be fit-for-purpose
- \$19.8 million from the partial reversal of the 2021–22 MYEFO measure titled *Energy and Emissions Reduction*, including reducing uncommitted funding for diesel storage projects
- \$16.0 million from the partial reversals of the 2019–20 Budget measures titled *National Centre for Coasts, Environment and Climate* and *Harry Butler Environment Education Centre* as these measures do not align with environmental spending priorities
- \$7.0 million from the partial reversal of the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Improving Energy Affordability and Reliability*, including partially redirecting uncommitted funding for gas infrastructure found to lack a case for government support
- \$5.2 million from the partial reversal of the 2018–19 Budget measure titled *Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program* to meet the Government’s election commitment.

This funding will offset the Government’s election commitments and will also be redirected to fund other Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water programs to realign expenditure to support Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Government Spending Audit – National Water Grid Fund – responsible investment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	-370.0	-279.5	-430.0	-593.5

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will achieve savings of \$4.6 billion over 12 years from 2022–23. Savings include:

- not proceeding with funding of \$5.4 billion for the Hells Gates Dam project in Queensland
- deferring funding of \$899.5 million over 4 years from the Dungowan Dam and Pipeline, Emu Swamp Dam and Pipeline, Hughenden Irrigation Scheme and Wyangala Dam Wall Raising projects, to be reconsidered once business cases are completed and viable pathways to delivery are determined and assessed
- returning funding of \$173.5 million over 4 years from unallocated and uncontracted funding within the *National Water Grid Fund*.

The Government will retain \$1.0 billion over 8 years from 2026–27 in the *National Water Grid Fund* to support future projects.

The savings from this measure will be partially redirected to fund other Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Investing in Australia’s Indigenous Culture and World Heritage

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	2.5	0.8	0.8	0.6
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	1.1	3.2	2.1	1.6
Total – Payments	-	3.6	4.0	2.9	2.2

The Government will provide \$14.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support the protection of Australia’s cultural and First Nations heritage sites by empowering local communities and First Nations people to assess and identify priorities for the protection of heritage. Funding under the measure will:

- improve engagement with First Nations people to support heritage
- support the addition of cultural and First Nations heritage values to existing World Heritage and National Heritage-listed areas
- pursue the UNESCO World Heritage listing of the Murujuga Cultural Landscape and Flinders Ranges
- add the Parramatta Female Factory to the World Heritage Listing of Australian Convict Sites and support the nomination of the Victorian Trades Hall and potentially the Broken Hill Trades Hall for World Heritage Listings.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Marine Parks Management

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.6	0.6	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.9
Director of National Parks	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total – Payments	-	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0

The Government will provide \$10.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to improve marine park management in Australia, support the health and biodiversity of Australia’s oceans and strengthen Australia’s international engagement and leadership.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Natural Heritage Trust special account.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Murray-Darling Basin – delivering on water commitments

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	nfp	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	nfp	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	nfp	-	-	-

The Government will provide initial funding towards meeting environmental water targets under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

The financial implications for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting funding from within the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Murray-Darling Basin – compliance and science

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	-	5.1	13.0	3.5	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	3.0	1.9	1.4	0.4
Department of the Treasury	-	-	6.0	6.0	6.0
Total – Payments	-	8.1	20.9	10.9	6.4

The Government will provide \$51.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to strengthen the Murray-Darling Basin Plan by updating the science to account for the impacts of climate change and restore trust and transparency in water management. Funding includes:

- \$29.0 million over 5 years to improve trust in the management of water resources in the Murray-Darling Basin through improvements to the metering and monitoring of water use and increasing regulatory compliance
- \$22.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to update the science for water management in the Murray-Darling Basin ahead of the statutory Basin Plan Review in 2026.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Murray-Darling Basin – water market reform

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Bureau of Meteorology	-	nfp	-	-	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide funding over 5 years from 2022–23 (with an ongoing component) to respond to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s Murray-Darling Basin water markets inquiry by improving the transparency and integrity of water markets, including through:

- regulating the behaviour and conduct of water market participants through legislation
- the creation of new data standards, systems and requirements
- improving the transparency and understanding of water markets to inform trade decisions.

The financial implications of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

National Water Grid – delivering commitments

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	28.5	78.0	77.9	73.8
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-5.0	-20.5	-6.5	-
Total – Payments	-	23.5	57.5	71.4	73.7

The Government will provide \$278.1 million over 5 years to expand investment in nationally significant, transformational water infrastructure projects. Funding includes:

- \$107.5 million for the Cairns Water Security Project, Queensland
- \$100.0 million for the Tasmanian Pipeline to prosperity – Tranche 3 Projects, Tasmania
- \$32.0 million to progress consultation and strategic planning with the Queensland Government for water infrastructure options in central Queensland and the Burdekin region, Queensland
- \$3.5 million for the Mount Morgan Water Supply Project, Queensland.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Next Phase of Natural Heritage Trust Funding

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	21.3	22.3	34.2	36.3
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	2.5	2.7	2.7
Total – Payments	-	21.3	24.9	36.9	39.0

The Government will provide \$1.1 billion over 6 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.5 million per year ongoing) to continue to support the sustainable management of Australia’s natural resources as well as local and long-term environmental, sustainable agriculture and Indigenous outcomes through the next phase of Natural Heritage Trust funding. Funding includes:

- \$604.2 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to protect and conserve Australia’s iconic species and landscapes, continue and enhance the *Indigenous Protected Areas* program to support Traditional Owners to manage their Country, and support conservation and mitigation activities in World Heritage listed properties and wetlands recognised under the Ramsar Convention
- \$302.1 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to support the transition of the agricultural sector towards sustainable farming and land management practices, build Australia’s climate and disaster resilience and contribute to emissions reductions and improved environmental outcomes
- \$90.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to employ and upskill up to 1,000 Landcare Rangers to deliver on ground actions to protect and restore Australia’s environment and heritage and help address labour and skill shortages in the environment sector, and to fund the Landcare Facilitator to coordinate community Landcare activities and improve knowledge sharing
- \$66.5 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to deliver on the Government’s election commitment to expand the *Indigenous Protected Areas* program
- \$57.0 million over 6 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.5 million per year ongoing) to support the recovery and longer-term conservation of the koala and its habitats.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Natural Heritage Trust special account.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Powering Australia – Community Batteries for Household Solar

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	4.4	10.5	10.5	5.2
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	0.9	29.1	80.1	78.4
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.8
Total – Payments	-	6.0	40.6	91.4	84.4

The Government will provide \$224.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to deploy 400 community batteries across Australia to lower bills, cut emissions and reduce pressure on the electricity grid by allowing households to store and use excess power they produce.

Costs of this measure will be partially met within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, and from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Powering Australia – Driving the Nation Fund – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	13.7	12.7	9.2	9.2
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	0.2	0.3	3.5	3.5
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	-	3.4	53.5	52.6
Total – Payments	-	13.9	16.4	66.2	65.3

The Government will provide \$275.4 million over 6 years from 2022–23 as part of its election commitment to double the Commonwealth’s investment to \$500 million and establish the Driving the Nation Fund (the Fund) to invest in cheaper and cleaner transport. Funding includes:

- \$146.1 million over 5 years from 2023–24 for the Australian Renewable Energy Agency to co-invest in projects to reduce emissions from Australia’s road transport sector
- \$89.5 million over 6 years from 2022–23 for the Hydrogen Highways initiative to fund the creation of hydrogen refuelling stations on Australia’s busiest freight routes, in partnership with states and territories, including \$5.5 million to LINE Hydrogen Pty Ltd for its George Town green hydrogen heavy transport project
- \$39.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to establish a National Electric Vehicle Charging Network to deliver 117 fast charging stations on highways across Australia, in partnership with the NRMA.

The Government will also provide \$14.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for the Australian Automobile Association to conduct on-road emissions and fuel consumption testing of light vehicles sold in Australia.

Costs of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*, and partially met within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Powering Australia – Establishing the Powering the Regions Fund

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Clean Energy Regulator	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will establish a Powering the Regions Fund (the Fund) from 2022–23, with \$1.9 billion allocated from the uncommitted funding from the Emissions Reduction Fund, the Climate Solutions Fund and the Safeguard Mechanism Crediting to assist industries, regional Australia and communities with the transition to net zero emissions. Initial funding includes:

- \$5.9 million in 2022–23 to support reforms to the Safeguard Mechanism that will assist covered industries with the transition to net zero
- \$3.3 million in 2022–23 for further design and development of the Powering the Regions Fund
- \$0.8 million in 2022–23 for an independent panel review of the Australian carbon credit unit market.

The Fund will also continue to support reverse auctions by the Clean Energy Regulator for Australian carbon credit units.

The financial implications for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

Powering Australia – Rewiring the Nation

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	-	8.0	13.5	14.3	14.5
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	7.5	10.4	9.0	6.4
Total – Payments	-	15.5	24.0	23.3	20.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	-	4.0	13.5	79.6	144.6
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	0.2
Total – Receipts	-	4.0	13.5	79.6	144.7

The Government will provide \$20.0 billion in funding to establish Rewiring the Nation to expand and modernise Australia’s electricity grids at lowest cost, unlocking new renewables and storage capacity and driving down power prices.

Rewiring the Nation will be managed by a new Rewiring the Nation Office (RTNO) within the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, with the Australian Energy Market Operator as a technical advisor and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) to act as the financing arm for the program. Funding includes:

- \$20.0 billion in funding to provide concessional loans and equity to invest in transmission infrastructure projects that will help strengthen, grow and transition Australia’s electricity grids
- \$50.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support the operating costs for the CEFC to deliver concessional loans and equity through Rewiring the Nation and manage finance-related negotiations
- \$18.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish the RTNO to manage coordination, community engagement, and negotiation with the states and territories for the delivery of Rewiring the Nation projects
- \$9.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to deliver reforms to transmission regulations, including the regulatory investment test for transmission, and designate projects as ‘Nationally Significant Transmission Projects’ to overcome barriers to the delivery of transmission projects
- \$5.8 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to conduct a review of the Integrated System Plan and transmission frameworks in other jurisdictions, to improve the effectiveness of energy system planning for the transition of the electricity market away from fossil fuels.

This measure will have a net impact on the underlying cash balance of positive \$158.1 million over the forward estimates due to receipts from interest revenue from investments and a net impact on the fiscal balance of negative \$4.7 billion over the same period. The fiscal balance impact includes the concessional component of concessional loans, consistent with budget accounting standards.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Powering Australia – Solar Banks

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	-	50.5	50.5	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	50.5	50.5	-

The Government will provide \$102.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish a Community Solar Banks program for the deployment of community-scale solar and clean energy technologies. Funding will improve access to clean energy technologies in regional communities, social housing, apartments, rental accommodation, and households that are traditionally unable to access rooftop solar.

Costs of this measure will be met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*, and within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan – implementation

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	..	8.8	9.1	18.9
Department of the Treasury	-	-	4.3	22.1	22.6
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	-	-	2.5	3.0	3.2
Total – Payments	-	..	15.5	34.3	44.7

The Government will provide \$96.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to address critical gaps in the implementation of the Reef 2050 Long-term Sustainability Plan, including:

- working with commercial fishers to minimise impacts on protected species
- strengthening reef monitoring efforts to ensure water quality targets are met
- improving our understanding of complex blue carbon and other ecosystem restoration techniques to enable more rapid, catchment scale deployment
- supporting Traditional Owners to manage their Land and Sea Country in line with their aspirations.

This measure forms part of the Government’s \$1.2 billion commitment to the protection and restoration of the Great Barrier Reef.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Response to the Samuel Review

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-2.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.8 million in 2022–23 to deliver a full response to the 2019 Independent Review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* by the end of 2022 and to design an independent Commonwealth Environment Protection Agency.

This measure will redirect funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Streamlining Environmental Protections and Modernising Indigenous Cultural Heritage Protections*.

Restoring Funding to the Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.2	..	0.2	2.5

The Government will provide \$9.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.6 million per year ongoing) to restore funding to the Environmental Defenders Office and Environmental Justice Australia.

The Government will also cease funding for the Environmental Assurance Commissioner, announced in the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Independent Review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 – Initial Response*, with the savings partially offsetting the cost of this measure.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Restoring the Climate Change Authority and Delivering Annual Climate Change Statements to Parliament

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Climate Change Authority	-	7.6	10.7	12.1	12.2
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.3
Total – Payments	-	8.3	12.0	13.3	13.5

The Government will provide \$47.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$13.6 million per year ongoing) in additional funding for the Climate Change Authority and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. Funding includes:

- \$42.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$12.3 million per year ongoing) to the Climate Change Authority to provide independent climate change advice
- \$4.5 million over 4 years (and \$1.3 million per year ongoing) to support preparation by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water of the Annual Climate Change Statements to Parliament to report Australia’s progress in achieving its emissions reduction targets.

Costs of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

Saving Native Species

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	23.6	79.7	61.9	34.5
Department of the Treasury	-	4.2	8.2	6.2	6.2
Total – Payments	-	27.8	87.9	68.1	40.7

The Government will provide \$224.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support actions to slow the rate of environmental and native species decline and lay the foundations for longer-term support and recovery of Australia’s native species and special landscapes.

This measure will be partially offset by savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Shovel Ready Catchment and Reef Restoration Projects

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	11.4	39.0	19.7	20.7

The Government will provide \$91.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to deliver ‘shovel ready’ Great Barrier Reef projects that accelerate reef protection and restoration activities, including:

- catchment scale land and coastal (blue carbon) ecosystem restoration
- continuation of the *Reef Restoration and Adaption Program* to help corals to evolve and adapt more quickly to their changing environment
- delivery of shovel ready projects identified in local council Reef Action Plans
- engagement with regional Natural Resource Management Organisations, Traditional Owners and landholders to improve the stewardship of reef catchments.

This measure forms part of the Government’s \$1.2 billion commitment to the protection and restoration of the Great Barrier Reef.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Support for Energy Security and Reliability

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	-	29.2	29.5	0.7	0.7
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-3.6	5.0	22.2	6.5
Total – Payments	-	25.6	34.5	22.9	7.1

The Government will provide \$157.9 million over 6 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to support the implementation of the National Energy Transformation Partnership (the Partnership) which will deliver cleaner and more secure and reliable energy for Australians. Funding includes:

- \$63.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to develop mechanisms to ensure firming capacity for the National Electricity Market, manage future generator closures and support large scale battery projects
- \$23.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to make changes to Australian Energy Market Operator’s powers and the National Gas Rules to increase the security, resilience and reliability of the east coast gas market
- \$18.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to improve energy planning by developing analysis of Australia’s regional energy supply and demand
- \$15.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to develop a National Energy Performance Strategy to manage Australia’s energy demand
- \$15.1 million over 6 years from 2022–23 to enhance Australia’s energy security by identifying and proactively managing emerging energy system risks
- \$9.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to establish the Partnership’s implementation and governance framework
- \$5.5 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to co-design and commence implementation of a First Nations Clean Energy Strategy in partnership with First Nations communities
- \$4.6 million in 2022–23 to progress expanding and modernising the Greenhouse Energy Minimum Standards program and the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme.

Costs of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

Sustaining Environmental Assessments

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	3.9	51.3	62.0	-

The Government will provide \$117.1 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to sustain assessment and compliance functions under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981*.

This measure will be partially offset by savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

Townsville Hydrogen Hub

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.5	24.0	21.5	17.5

The Government will provide \$71.9 million over 7 years from 2022–23 to deliver a new green hydrogen hub in the Townsville region of Queensland.

Costs of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Government Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Urban Rivers and Catchments Program

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	5.0	13.2	22.8	22.8
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	5.0	13.2	22.8	22.8

The Government will provide \$91.1 million over 6 years from 2022–23 to improve local waterways, fund activities that restore the natural habitats of aquatic species and create recreational spaces for local communities, as the first phase of the Government’s \$200 million election commitment.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Water for Australia Plan

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	-	0.6	0.9	0.3	-
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	-0.4	-1.2	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-8.0	8.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-7.8	7.7	0.3	-

The Government will provide \$2.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to support the future-proofing of Australia’s water resources by delivering the Government’s commitments to national and First Nations water reform. Funding includes:

- \$2.1 million for expert legal support to deliver national water reform commitment.
- \$0.5 million for initial scoping work to establish a National Water Commission.

The Government will also transfer funding and responsibility for administering the \$40.0 million *Aboriginal Water Entitlements Program* from the National Indigenous Australians Agency to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water as the lead agency delivering the Government’s plan to safeguard the Murray-Darling Basin.

The Government will also extend the end date for the:

- On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme to 30 June 2024
- 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Water – supporting the Murray Darling Basin* to 30 June 2025
- *Goyder Water Research Institute* program to 30 June 2026
- *Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program* to 30 June 2025 and re-profile \$153.8 million of unallocated funding from 2023–24 to 2024–25.

Costs of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Cross Portfolio

Government Spending Audit – Providing Certainty on Unlegislated Measures Announced by the Previous Government

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Various Agencies	-	126.4	254.2	460.4	756.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Various Agencies	-	-0.4	-4.4	-11.4	-7.1

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by not proceeding with a number of measures that were announced by the previous Government over the past 5 years but not yet legislated, costing \$1.6 billion over 4 years from 2022-23, including:

- the 2016–17 Budget measures titled: *Mobility Allowance – transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme* and *Compulsory Rent Deduction Scheme – establishment*
- the 2016–17 MYEFO measure titled: *Pension Supplement – changes to the payment of the Pension Supplement for permanent departures overseas and temporary absences*
- the 2017–18 Budget measures titled: *Strengthening Australian Citizenship Arrangements; Australian Consumer Law Review – introducing a Statutory Definition of Voluntary Recall and Increasing penalties for Failure or Refusal to Notify a Voluntary Recall; Better Targeting of Assistance to Support Jobseekers (Drug Testing Trial and Remove Impairment Table 6 components); Aligning the Pensioner Education Supplement and Education Entry Payment; Better Targeting of the Relocation Scholarship; Liquid Assets Waiting Period – Increasing self-reliance and Enhanced Residency Requirements for pensioners*
- the 2018–19 Budget measures titled: *Encouraging Lawful Behaviour of Income Support Recipients* and *National Disability Insurance Scheme – continuity of support (implement grandfathering for existing Mobility Allowance recipients component)*
- the 2019–20 Budget measure titled: *New Regional Visas – population package*
- the 2019–20 MYEFO measures titled: *Grid Reliability Fund – establishment and Drug Testing Trial Policy – amendments*
- the 2021–22 Budget measures titled: *New Employment Services Model (Aligning payment commencement arrangement component)* and *Apply a Consistent Four-year newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period Across Payments*
- the 2021–22 MYEFO measure titled: *Improving confidence in the Electoral Process (Voter Integrity component).*

In addition, a further \$413.4 million cost has been reflected in the estimates for the legislative delays in relation to these measures prior to their reversal.

These measures are being reversed since they are not consistent with Government priorities, or superseded by new Government initiatives.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit.

Investing in Front Line Service Delivery

Payments (\$m)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	33.9	66.0	66.7	67.3
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	22.4	45.0	45.3	45.5
Services Australia	-	12.8	25.7	25.8	26.0
Total – Payments	-	69.1	136.7	137.8	138.8

The Government will provide \$500.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$145.6 million per year ongoing) for an additional 1,080 staff to improve the delivery of Government services, including 200 staff for Services Australia to support timely access to government services, 500 staff for the Department of Veterans' Affairs to help eliminate the claims backlog, and 380 staff for the National Disability Insurance Agency to improve front-line service delivery.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of Services Australia.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	40.9	1.4	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	4.4	0.3	-	-
Fair Work Commission	-	1.2	2.6	2.1	2.1
Australian Bureau of Statistics	-	0.8	1.2	0.7	1.2
Australian Public Service Commission	-	0.8	3.6	3.5	3.5
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	3.2	2.8	2.8
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	48.0	12.3	9.2	9.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Public Service Commission	-	0.8	3.6	3.5	3.5
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	-	-
Total – Receipts	-	0.8	3.6	3.5	3.5

The Government will provide \$76.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for outcomes from the Jobs and Skills Summit to help build a bigger, better trained and more productive workforce, boost real wages and living standards, and create more opportunities for more Australians. Funding includes:

- \$42.2 million over two years from 2022–23 for the Department of Home Affairs to increase visa processing capacity and raise awareness of opportunities for high-skilled migrants in Australia’s permanent *Migration Program*
- \$11.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to the Australian Public Service Commission to establish an APS Digital Traineeship Program to support early to mid-career transitions into digital roles
- \$8.9 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to establish a Productivity, Education and Training Fund to support employer and union representatives to improve safety, fairness and productivity in workplaces
- \$7.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for the Fair Work Commission to support the uptake of enterprise bargaining for small businesses
- \$4.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to the Australian Bureau of Statistics to increase the frequency and detail of data measuring the barriers and incentives to participating in the labour market

- \$2.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to develop a Carer Friendly Workplace Framework to assist employers to develop and adopt practices to support employees with caring responsibilities to enter and remain in the workforce, with the cost of this component met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

The Government will also:

- establish a South Australian Defence Industry Workforce and Skills Taskforce, within the existing resources of the Department of Defence, to support the growth of a skilled defence industry workforce in South Australia
- extend the relaxation of work restrictions for student visa holders and secondary training visa holders until 30 June 2023.

In addition, the Government provided \$4.7 million over two years from 2022–23 for the Treasury to deliver the Jobs and Skills Summit in September 2022 and to develop the Employment White Paper in 2023.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Savings from External Labour, and Savings from Advertising, Travel and Legal Expenses

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Various Agencies	-	-642.5	-809.2	-975.8	-1,142.5

The Government will achieve savings of \$3.6 billion over 4 years from 2022–23 by reducing spending on external labour, advertising, travel and legal expenses. The savings from this measure will offset the Government’s election commitments.

This measure will be implemented using a staged approach, with only the 2022–23 financial year impact allocated to general government sector agencies. The allocation of the remaining financial year impacts in the 2023–24 Budget will be guided by the Government’s broader Australian Public Service initiatives, including the Audit of Employment.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Support for Community Sector Organisations

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	64.4	64.4	64.4	64.4
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.5
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1
Attorney-General's Department	-	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Department of Education	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Department of Home Affairs	-
Total – Payments	-	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0

The Government will provide \$560.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support Community Sector Organisations at need of funding supplementation due to additional staff wages pressures and higher inflation outcomes.

Defence

Additional Assistance to Ukraine

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	4.4	8.0	0.1	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
Services Australia	-	0.7	0.3	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-
Total – Payments	-	8.6	8.7	0.3	0.2
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-
Department of Home Affairs	-
Total – Receipts	-

The Government will provide \$213.3 million over 5 years from 2021–22 to deliver additional assistance to Ukraine following the invasion by Russia. Funding includes:

- \$185.6 million over two years from 2021–22 in military assistance, including Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicles, armoured personnel carriers, lightweight towed howitzers and other military equipment, and a contribution to NATO’s Ukraine Comprehensive Assistance Package Trust Fund
- \$18.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to allocate additional 3 year Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visas (subclass 786) to Ukrainians in 2022–23, and extend access to Medicare for a 12 month period for Ukrainians, including their immediate family members, who hold a Bridging Visa E
- \$8.7 million in 2022–23 to assist Ukraine’s Border Guard Service to upgrade border management, improve cyber security and enhance border operations in the field
- \$0.6 million in additional funding in 2022–23 for the *Ukrainian Community and Settlement Support* program to provide further support for the ongoing settlement and integration needs of those arriving in Australia from Ukraine.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence and the Department of Home Affairs.

The measure extends the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Assistance to Ukraine*.

Expanding the Demand Driven Funding Model

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	15.6	3.4	3.2	2.1

The Government will provide \$24.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.0 million per year ongoing) to improve the capacity of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to model increased demand for services and to support its operations. Funding includes:

- \$13.2 million in additional resources to DVA in 2022–23 to provide increased support to veterans who are having claims processed
- \$11.1 million to improve DVA's demand modelling, including improvements to its data sharing arrangements with the Department of Defence and predictive and data analytics modelling capabilities.

This measure supports the Government Response to the *Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide Interim Report*.

Improving Home Ownership for Defence Personnel and Veterans

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Defence	-	1.0	2.1	2.4	2.6
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.7	3.9	4.7	5.4
Department of Defence	-	1.0	2.1	2.4	2.6
Total – Receipts	-	2.7	6.0	7.1	8.0

The Government will provide \$46.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and approximately \$17.8 million per year ongoing) to expand access to the Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme to support Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and veterans to purchase their own home. The expansion will reduce the minimum service periods for subsidised mortgage interest payments and remove the current post separation timeframe to allow veterans to access the scheme any time after they leave the ADF.

This measure is estimated to increase receipts by \$23.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Increasing the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Payment for Veterans

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	14.0	27.5	28.0	28.4

The Government will provide \$97.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$28.7 million per year ongoing) to increase the Special Rate of Disability Compensation Payment, Temporary Special Rate Payment, and the Special Rate Disability Pension by \$1,000 per year.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Legislative Pathway to Support Veterans and Families

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	4.3	5.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$9.5 million over two years from 2022–23 to develop, and consult on, a pathway to simplify and harmonise veteran rehabilitation and compensation legislation.

This measure supports the Government Response to the *Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide Interim Report*.

Marking World War One Graves

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to assist with the purchase of a grave marker for private graves of veterans of the First World War.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Modernisation to Reduce Wait Times to Access Support and Services

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	46.2	5.2	-10.5	-7.2
Services Australia	-	-14.0	-6.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	32.2	-0.8	-10.5	-7.2

The Government will provide \$87.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to improve the administration of the claims processing system and improve veterans’ services.

This measure will enhance ICT systems, including MyService and myGov to better support veterans and their families. This measure also supports the development of business cases to replace and modernise at risk legacy ICT systems.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

This measure supports the Government Response to the *Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide Interim Report*.

Support for Defence and Manufacturing Industries

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$37.3 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to the Department of Defence to support the development of defence and fuel manufacturing industries.

Funding includes:

- \$32.2 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support the construction of the North Queensland Simulation Park in Townsville, Queensland to support the development and growth of defence industry in the region
- \$5.1 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support the development of sovereign capacity in renewable fuel manufacturing, particularly for the Australian Defence Force.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Support for Veterans

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.7	2.7	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	0.7	2.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$8.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support Australian Defence Force personnel and veterans. Funding includes:

- \$4.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support the development and trial of an online tool to assist Australian Defence Force personnel with their transition to civilian life
- \$3.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to support the Council of Australian Veterans to develop the Scott Palmer Services Centre (the Centre). The Centre will provide temporary accommodation in Darwin to deliver crisis services to veterans experiencing homelessness in the Northern Territory
- \$0.1 million in 2022–23 to fund research into the history of soccer matches between Australia and New Zealand that were held between 1923 and 1954 (the Soccer Ashes).

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Veterans' Wellbeing Package

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Defence	-	-2.7	-5.0	-5.9	-6.9
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-34.2	16.2	17.1	18.1
Total – Payments	-	-36.9	11.2	11.2	11.2

The Government will provide \$70.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to support veterans and their families and improve veterans' wellbeing. Funding includes:

- \$46.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish 8 new Veterans' and Families' Hubs (Hubs) and support work already underway for Hubs in 2 existing locations
- \$24.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to improve veteran employment opportunities through supporting recognition of prior learning for training undertaken by Australian Defence Force personnel and supporting employers to attract and retain veterans.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Education

Child Care Subsidy Reforms Integrity Package

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	-34.3	-42.2	-46.8	-49.7

The Government will achieve savings of \$173.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 by strengthening payment integrity and accuracy of the Child Care Subsidy program.

Under changes to the family assistance legislation, electronic payment of early childhood education and care gap fees will be required. This aims to reduce fraudulent claims of Child Care Subsidy for care that is not occurring. Exceptions from electronic payments can be sought in some circumstances.

Funding of \$47.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 will be provided to the Department of Education to support a range of activities to help reduce fraud and non-compliance, such as helping early childhood education and care providers to better understand their regulatory obligations and commencing work on a digital attendance validation solution to provide real time validation and reporting of child attendance at care.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to fund other Government policy priorities.

Consent and Respectful Relationships Education

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	1.1	21.5	21.2	21.2

The Government will provide \$65.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$18.2 million over 2 years from 2026–27) to invest in respectful relationships education to help prevent gender-based violence and keep children safe.

The Government will partner with states, territories and the non-government school system to deliver age-appropriate and evidence-based consent and respectful relationships education in primary and secondary schools by investing in teacher training and partnerships with external providers. The Government’s investment will be guided by a National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Group that will perform a rapid review identifying key areas of need in respectful relationships education across all jurisdictions, and develop a framework for accrediting external providers of educational programs.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Government Spending Audit – Education – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	-6.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve the quality of spending by redirecting funding from 2003–04 Budget, 2020–21 Budget and 2022–23 March Budget measures. This totals \$10.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 in relation to education.

Savings include:

- \$5.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 from the partial reversal of the respectful relationships component of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Women’s Safety*, redirecting uncommitted funding that duplicates the Government’s commitment to Consent and Respectful Relationships Education
- \$2.5 million over two years from 2022–23 from the partial reversal of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *School Education Support*, redirecting uncommitted funding from yet to be initiated programs
- \$1.4 million over two years from 2024–25 through the cessation of the 2003–04 Budget measure titled *Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships*, redirecting uncommitted funding that could be better targeted towards school language program priorities
- \$0.6 million in 2022–23 from the partial reversal of the 2020–21 Budget measure titled *National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education – extension*, redirecting uncommitted funding found to duplicate other Government expenditure.

This funding will offset the Government’s election commitments and will also be redirected to fund other education programs to realign expenditure to support Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Office for Youth and Youth Engagement Strategy

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	1.9	2.8	2.9	2.9

The Government will provide \$10.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.9 million per year ongoing) to implement a new youth engagement model to enable young Australians to influence the policies and programs that affect them.

Funding will establish an Office for Youth to improve and harmonise youth policy outcomes across government through a new Youth Engagement Strategy to embed the diversity of youth voices in policy and program design on an ongoing basis.

The development of the Strategy will be informed by a steering committee of young people as well as consultation with youth and youth advocates. The model will also deliver 5 youth advisory groups to work directly on new policies and programs across government, and funding for the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition to support its critical role in youth advocacy, engagement, and research.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Plan for Cheaper Child Care

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	13.9	14.1	6.1	2.8
Department of Education	-	13.1	1,333.6	1,587.0	1,708.9
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	7.8	3.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	34.8	1,350.7	1,593.1	1,711.7

The Government will provide \$4.7 billion over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.7 billion per year ongoing) to deliver cheaper child care, easing the cost of living for families and reducing barriers to greater workforce participation. This includes \$4.6 billion over 4 years from 2022–23 to:

- increase the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) rate from 85 per cent to 90 per cent for families for the first child in care and increase the CCS rate for all families earning less than \$530,000 in household income
- maintain current higher CCS rates for families with multiple children aged 5 or under in child care, with higher CCS rates to cease 26 weeks after the older child’s last session of care, or when the child turns 6 years old
- task the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to undertake a 12 month inquiry into the cost of child care and the Productivity Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the child care sector
- improve the transparency of the child care sector by requiring large providers to publicly report CCS-related revenue and profits.

The Government will also provide \$43.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for measures that support the National Agreement on Closing the Gap targets and improve early childhood outcomes for First Nations children. Funding includes:

- \$33.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to introduce a base entitlement to 36 hours per fortnight of subsidised early childhood education and care for families with First Nations children, regardless of activity hours or income level
- \$10.2 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to establish the Early Childhood Care and Development Policy Partnership with Coalition of Peaks partners and First Nations representatives to develop policies on First Nations early childhood education and care.

The Government will also provide \$9.5 million over two years from 2022–23 to communicate the changes to the CCS system to families and child care providers.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Schools Upgrade Fund

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	53.5	2.4	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	215.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	53.5	217.4	-	-

The Government will provide \$270.8 million over two years from 2022–23 to implement the Schools Upgrade Fund to provide grants to support capital works projects for upgrades to school equipment and to improve ventilation in classrooms to keep students and school staff safe following disruptions caused by COVID-19.

The grants will be delivered during 2022 and 2023. In 2022, grants rounds will be open to all schools to apply for funding to undertake small-scale capital projects to improve ventilation and school facilities. Targeted grants will also be delivered as part of this round to schools identified with priority needs.

In 2023, under a second grants round, government schools will receive the same amount of funding as non-government schools for new buildings and major facilities upgrades. Grants to government schools will be allocated in consultation with state and territory governments.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Startup Year – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	3.9	1.6	0.1	0.1
Department of Education	-	1.6	..	..	..
Department of Social Services	-	-	2.6	2.7	2.7
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-
Total – Payments	-	5.6	4.2	2.8	2.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	-	-	..

The Government will provide \$15.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.8 million per year ongoing) to establish the Startup Year program to deliver income contingent *Higher Education Loan Program* loans to up to 2,000 recent graduates, postgraduate and final year undergraduate students per year. The Startup Year will support students’ participation in a one-year, business-focused accelerator program at an Australian higher education provider, which will encourage innovation and support Australia’s startup community.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Strengthening Australia’s Higher Education Sector

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	40.5	111.4	124.0	72.0
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	-	..	0.1

The Government will provide \$491.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$570.1 million over 11 years) to boost higher education and strengthen Australia’s university system. Funding includes:

- \$485.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$563.8 million over 11 years) for 20,000 additional Commonwealth supported places at universities and other higher education providers commencing in 2023 and 2024. These places are dedicated to students under-represented in higher education, including First Nations peoples, those who are the first in their family to study at university, and students from rural and remote Australia. The places are for courses in areas of skills shortage, including teaching, nursing and engineering
- \$3.6 million in 2022–23 to the Department of Education to develop a business case for a new university and schools payment system, to manage the timely and accurate administration of entitlements

- \$2.7 million over two years from 2022–23 to deliver an Australian Universities Accord, a review of Australia’s higher education system by a panel of eminent Australians delivering recommendations to drive accessibility, affordability, quality, certainty, sustainability and prosperity.

The Government will also achieve savings of \$144.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$484.9 million over 11 years) by ending the 10 per cent discount for students who elect to pay their student contributions upfront rather than defer payment through the *Higher Education Contribution Scheme – Higher Education Loan Program*.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Student Wellbeing Boost

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	200.0	3.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$203.7 million over two years from 2022–23 to provide a funding boost to every Australian school to help address the adverse impacts of COVID-19 on student wellbeing.

Funding will enable the provision of additional mental health and wellbeing support for students, such as mental health professionals, sporting and social activities, and proven student wellbeing and mental health initiatives.

Funding also includes \$10.8 million for a free voluntary mental health check tool to assist teachers and schools to identify students with, or at risk of, declining mental health. The tool will be developed in consultation with experts, states and territories, peak bodies and school communities, and be implemented with parental agreement.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Teacher Shortages

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	17.8	36.5	49.2	55.0

The Government will provide \$310.4 million over 9 years from 2022–23 (and \$7.9 million per year ongoing) to attract and retain high-quality teachers and improve student outcomes. Funding includes:

- \$160.1 million over 8 years from 2023–24 for up to 5,000 bursaries of \$10,000 per year to students, with an ATAR of 80 or above, who undertake a teaching degree. Bursaries will be available to undergraduate and postgraduate students with an additional \$2,000 made available for students who complete their final year placement in a regional area

- \$78.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to expand the High Achieving Teachers program to support an additional 1,500 high achieving professionals to transition into teaching through employment-based pathways
- \$60.6 million over 9 years from 2022–23 (and \$7.1 million per year ongoing) to implement the Quality Initial Teacher Education Review’s recommendations, including the expansion and development of new micro-credentials courses in classroom management and phonics
- \$10.9 million over 9 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.8 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Education for administrative costs associated with this measure.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Teaching First Nations Languages in Schools

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	3.7	5.0	5.0	0.4

The Government will provide \$14.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to partner with First Nations people and primary schools to teach First Nations languages and culture.

Local First Nations community and school partnerships will be fostered to enable the placement of First Nations educators in 60 Australian primary schools. These First Nations educators will receive training in education support to complement their existing skills and cultural knowledge. The educators will work with teachers to teach local Indigenous languages as well as embed knowledge of local cultures across the curriculum. Schools will be able to apply to participate, with priority granted to schools with high First Nations student enrolments and based on need.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Education.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Employment and Workplace Relations

Abolish the Australian Building and Construction Commission and Provide Additional Resources for the Fair Work Ombudsman

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Fair Work Ombudsman and Registered Organisations Commission Entity	-	16.3	17.7	17.9	18.0
Australian Building and Construction Commission	-	-17.9	-36.9	-37.7	-38.4
Total – Payments	-	-1.7	-19.2	-19.8	-20.4

The Government will achieve savings of \$61.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 and annual ongoing savings of \$20.4 million by proceeding with the abolition of the Australian Building and Construction Commission.

Additional resourcing will be provided to the Fair Work Ombudsman to more comprehensively regulate the *Fair Work Act 2009* in the building and construction industry.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitment as published in the Government’s *Plan for a Better Future*.

Australian Skills Guarantee

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will undertake the initial design and implementation of the Australian Skills Guarantee, in consultation with stakeholders, to ensure that one in ten workers on a major Commonwealth funded project is an apprentice, trainee or a paid cadet, with sub-targets for women.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Government Spending Audit – Employment and Workplace Relations – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-41.6	-52.3	-13.3	-8.0

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding from under-performing programs. This totals \$115.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 in relation to employment, skills and training. Savings include:

- \$56.2 million over two years from 2022–23 by ceasing the under-subscribed *Mid-Career Checkpoint Pilot* on 31 December 2022
- \$42.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 from ceasing funding for the ReBoot initiative from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Boosting Participation and Building Australia's Workforce*
- \$9.0 million in 2022–23 by reducing the funding available for the final year of the *Industry Training Hubs* program, with a number of projects to still proceed and the program to conclude as scheduled on 30 June 2023
- \$4.0 million over two years from 2022–23 from no longer proceeding with the Workforce Australia Advertising Campaign from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Boosting Participation and Building Australia's Workforce*
- \$3.9 million over two years from 2022–23 by not proceeding with the *Supporting Women's Mid-Career Transition into the Tech Workforce* component of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Digital Economy Strategy*.

The Government will also not proceed with a 6 month extension of a trial of career advice access for digital job seekers from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022, as it overlaps with other career advice services.

This funding will offset the measure *Jobs and Skills Australia – establishment*, the Government's election commitments and other Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Jobs and Skills Australia – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	4.1	7.4	1.4	-

The Government will provide \$12.9 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to establish Jobs and Skills Australia to provide national leadership and advice on Australia’s labour market, and skills and training needs. Jobs and Skills Australia will provide data analytic capability, and will work in partnership with state and territory governments, industry, employers, unions, and training providers.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

National Study on Adult Foundation Skills

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-	2.6	-	-2.6

The Government will redirect funding of \$12.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 following Australia’s temporary withdrawal from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s *Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies* survey.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to develop and deliver a new national study on adult literacy, numeracy and digital literacy skills, led by Jobs and Skills Australia. The study will consist of a national survey to assess adult foundation skills levels, analysis of Commonwealth data, and a study into ensuring on-going representation of First Nations peoples in foundation skills studies. To support initial implementation, \$2.6 million in funding has been brought forward from 2025–26 to 2023–24.

New Energy Apprenticeships

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	9.2	11.5	12.6	19.2

The Government will provide \$95.6 million over 9 years from 2022–23 to support 10,000 people to complete a New Energy Apprenticeship.

Eligible apprentices will be able to claim a New Energy Apprentice Support Payment of up to \$10,000 over the duration of the apprenticeship, comprising \$2,000 on commencement, \$2,000 per year for up to 3 years, and \$2,000 on completion. Additional in-training support places will be made available for all New Energy Apprentices, with extra support for targeted groups including First Nations peoples, mature age apprentices, regional and remote Australians, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This measure complements existing investment to support women in trades.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

New Energy Skills Program

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	3.8	2.3	1.8	1.8

The Government will provide \$9.6 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support Australia’s workforce to transition to a clean energy economy. This funding will support a new mentoring program to help train and support new energy apprentices, the development of fit-for-purpose training pathways, and a capacity study by Jobs and Skills Australia to evaluate Australia’s workforce needs to transition to a clean energy economy.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave – small business assistance

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Fair Work Ombudsman and Registered Organisations Commission Entity	-	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.2
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.6	0.6	-	-
Total – Payments	-	1.7	1.3	0.2	0.2

The Government will provide \$3.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support the development and delivery of education, technical advice and support services targeting the needs of small business employers to support the implementation of the Government’s election commitment to legislate 10 days of paid family and domestic violence leave.

PaTH Internships and National Work Experience Program – cessation

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	1.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Department of Social Services	-	-1.5	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-2.2	-13.4	-12.8	-13.0
Total – Payments	-	-2.1	-16.3	-15.7	-15.9

The Government will achieve savings of \$50.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 by ceasing work experience and internships programs under Workforce Australia. Savings include:

- \$27.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 by ceasing the *Youth Jobs PaTH* internships
- \$22.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 by ceasing the *National Work Experience Program*.

The savings from this measure will be redirected to fund other Government election policy priorities.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitment as published in the Government’s *Plan for a Better Future*.

Secure Australian Jobs

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Fair Work Commission	-	4.9	10.7	8.2	8.5
Federal Court of Australia	-	0.7	2.3	2.3	2.4
Fair Work Ombudsman and Registered Organisations Commission Entity	-	0.6	1.2	0.7	0.6
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Total – Payments	-	6.3	14.3	11.2	11.5
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>	-	-	0.5	0.5	0.5

The Government will provide \$43.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$11.1 million per year ongoing) to update workplace laws to get wages moving, boost job security, address gender inequity and create more opportunities for Australians. Funding includes:

- \$20.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$5.3 million per year ongoing) for the Fair Work Commission to establish the Pay Equity and Care and Community Sector expert panels, and a specialised research unit
- \$15.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$3.8 million per year ongoing) to include an explicit prohibition on sexual harassment in the *Fair Work Act 2009*
- \$7.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.9 million per year ongoing) to implement changes to the small claims process in the *Fair Work Act 2009*.

This measure will be partially offset by filing fees for applicants.

The Government will also:

- Automatically sunset agreement-related instruments made prior to the commencement of the *Fair Work Act 2009* and during the ‘bridging period’ (1 July to 31 December 2009), commonly referred to as ‘zombie agreements’, to ensure employees can access entitlements available under modern awards.
- Remove unnecessary complexity and make the Better off Overall Test simple, flexible and fair by streamlining the enterprise agreement approval process and consideration by the Fair Work Commission of whether an employee is better off under the proposed award.
- Increase the capacity of the Fair Work Commission to proactively help workers and businesses reach agreements by reducing the level of disputation required in order to access arbitration.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Training Package Assurance – funding redirection

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	3.0	4.1	4.2	4.2
Australian Skills Quality Authority	-	-3.0	-4.1	-4.2	-4.2
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will redirect funding of \$15.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$4.2 million per year ongoing) from the Australian Skills Quality Authority to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to temporarily undertake assurance of training packages from 1 January 2023. Longer-term arrangements for this function will be considered as part of a post-implementation review in consultation with stakeholders.

Transfer functions of the Registered Organisations Commission to the Fair Work Commission

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Fair Work Commission	-	3.7	7.5	7.6	7.7
Fair Work Ombudsman and Registered Organisations Commission Entity	-	-3.7	-7.5	-7.6	-7.7
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will abolish the Registered Organisations Commission and transfer its functions to the Fair Work Commission, with costs of the measure to be met from within the existing resourcing of the Fair Work Commission.

Vocational Education – fee-free TAFE and TAFE Technology Fund

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	350.5	216.9	134.2	136.6
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	8.1	3.6	1.1	1.1
Total – Payments	-	358.7	220.5	135.3	137.7

The Government will provide \$921.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to strengthen Australia’s Vocational Education and Training system and address skills shortages.

Funding includes:

- \$871.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to provide 480,000 fee-free Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and vocational education places in industries and regions with skills shortages

- \$50.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to establish a TAFE Technology Fund to modernise IT infrastructure, workshops, laboratories, telehealth simulators, and other facilities at TAFEs across Australia.

Around 180,000 fee-free TAFE and vocational education places will be delivered in 2023 in areas of highest skills need as part of a one-year National Skills Agreement with the states and territories commencing 1 January 2023, which was an outcome of the Jobs and Skills Summit.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Workforce Australia – micro-policy amendments and onboarding complementary programs onto the Workforce Australia digital platform

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	-28.3	17.9	2.4	2.1
Total – Payments	-	-26.0	18.2	2.6	2.3

The Government made micro-policy changes associated with the introduction of Workforce Australia and will onboard the *Skills for Education and Employment*, the *Self Employment Assistance*, and the *Harvest Trail Services* programs on to the Workforce Australia Digital Platform:

- job seekers who transitioned from jobactive to Workforce Australia Online were not required to undertake the 4 month activity requirement, generating savings of \$57.7 million in 2022–23
- some job seekers were allowed to access Workforce Australia Provider Services instead of Workforce Australia Online which increased payments by \$20.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23
- \$34.8 million will be provided over 4 years from 2022–23 to onboard and maintain, the *Skills for Education and Employment*, the *Self Employment Assistance*, and the *Harvest Trail Services* programs on to the Workforce Australia Digital Platform to support the delivery of integrated employment services.

Finance

Buy Australian Plan

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Finance	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has committed to the 10-point *Buy Australian Plan* to support Australian businesses to compete more effectively, increase employment and build resilience in supply chains. The Government has established the Future Made in Australia Office to coordinate delivery of commitments under the *Buy Australian Plan*.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Finance and the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Cyber Hubs pilot – extension

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	8.6	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	8.0	-	-	-
Department of Defence	-	7.1	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	5.6	-	-	-
Digital Transformation Agency	-	1.9	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	31.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$31.3 million in 2022–23 to extend the whole of government Cyber Hubs pilot while an evaluation is completed. The pilot is trialing a whole of government approach, utilising 4 Cyber Hubs, to deliver cyber security capabilities to Commonwealth entities.

This measure extends the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Digital Economy Strategy*.

Delivery of a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum – preparatory work

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Electoral Commission	-	59.8	6.5	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	3.8	2.7	-	-
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.1	0.5	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.6	0.2	-	-
Total – Payments	-	65.3	9.8	-	-

The Government will provide \$75.1 million over two years from 2022–23 to prepare for the delivery of a referendum to enshrine a First Nations Voice to Parliament in the Constitution. Funding includes:

- \$52.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to the Australian Electoral Commission and other agencies to commence preparations and support work to deliver the Referendum
- \$16.1 million over two years from 2022–23 to the Australian Electoral Commission to increase First Nations enrolment and participation in future electoral events
- \$6.5 million over two years from 2022–23 to the National Indigenous Australians Agency to support the Referendum, including the establishment of a governance structure to support the special advisory groups that will engage with stakeholders and provide advice to Government.

This measure is additional to \$160.0 million in funding already provisioned in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure advances the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

National Security Office Precinct

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Finance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Office of National Intelligence	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will progress a National Security Office Precinct in Barton, Australian Capital Territory, to the next stage of development, following detailed business cases, planning, design and early market testing that commenced from 2020.

The Precinct will provide a permanent solution to the critical accommodation and capability requirements of several national security and other Commonwealth agencies, with the construction project managed by the Department of Finance.

The Precinct and associated infrastructure will have a number of public and private tenants and is expected to be utilised by a range of Commonwealth entities, including the Office of National Intelligence and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

As an enabling project to the Precinct development, a multi-level car park will be constructed adjacent to the John Gorton Building to support visitor and worker amenities in the Parliamentary Triangle.

The financial implications of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial and national security sensitivities.

Powering Australia – Commonwealth Fleet Leases

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Finance	-	1.2	3.1	5.1	6.6

The Government will provide \$15.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$6.0 million per year to 2032–33) to reduce the level of emissions of the Australian Public Service through a low emissions vehicle target for the Commonwealth Fleet of 75 per cent of new passenger vehicle purchases and leases by 2025.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Purpose-Built Quarantine Facilities – maintenance

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Defence	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Finance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will provide additional funding over 4 years from 2022–23 to the Department of Finance and the Department of Defence for ongoing maintenance of the purpose-built quarantine facilities in Victoria and Queensland.

The financial implications for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to ongoing commercial negotiations.

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Additional Official Development Assistance

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	97.6	427.2	457.5	444.3

The Government will provide \$1.4 billion in additional Official Development Assistance over 4 years from 2022–23 to rebuild Australia’s international development program, re-establish Australia as a partner of choice in the region and enhance regional security and cooperation. Funding includes:

- \$900.0 million to increase support to the Pacific region
- \$470.0 million to increase support to Southeast Asia
- \$30.0 million through the *Australian NGO Cooperation Program* to increase the capacity of Australian non-government organisations to promote inclusive development
- \$26.6 million in additional departmental resourcing for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for program administration.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – expansion

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	2.4	6.4	7.5	8.7
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	2.4	6.4	7.5	8.7
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Export Finance and Insurance Corporation</i>	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp

The Government will improve the capacity of the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (the Facility) to support additional infrastructure investment in the Pacific and Timor-Leste, including:

- allocating an additional \$500.0 million over 10 years from the existing *Official Development Assistance* program to support grants from the Facility
- establishing a Pacific Climate Infrastructure Financing Partnership stream under the Facility, with \$50.0 million in existing grant funding to support climate related elements of infrastructure and energy projects in Pacific countries and Timor-Leste

- providing an additional \$25.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to administer the Facility, including enhanced project and risk management capabilities.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the *Official Development Assistance* program.

The Government will also provide financing packages through the Facility for the:

- Timor-Leste Airport Facilities project to support construction of airport related infrastructure
- Fiji Transport Infrastructure Restoration project to maintain and rehabilitate major bridges and roads in Fiji.

The financial implications for the financing packages are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	13.5	4.3	4.0	4.1
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	7.3	5.5	1.5	1.5
Services Australia	-	6.6	1.7	0.7	0.6
Department of Home Affairs	-	1.2	0.3	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	0.1	3.0	5.5	6.2
Department of the Treasury	-
Total – Payments	-	28.7	14.8	11.6	12.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-
Total – Receipts	-

The Government will provide \$67.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$12.4 million per year ongoing from 2025–26) to expand and enhance the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme.

Funding will be provided for initiatives to improve the benefits of the scheme for potential employers and workers, including:

- underwriting employers' investment in upfront travel costs for seasonal workers by covering costs that cannot be recouped from workers
- improvements to workplace standards for PALM visa holders, including increased workplace compliance activities

- allowing primary visa holders on long-term placements to bring partners and children to Australia, where sponsored by employers, with additional social support including providing relevant minimum family assistance payments, with an initial rollout of 200 families
- the expansion of the existing aged care skills pilot programs for aged care workers.

The measure also incorporates the inclusion of key features of the *Australian Agricultural Visa* into the PALM scheme to grow the size of the program.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

First Nations Foreign Policy

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	1.3	0.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to establish an Office of First Nations Engagement, headed by an Ambassador for First Nations Peoples.

This measure will redirect funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measures and savings identified as part of the Spending Audit.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Government Spending Audit – Foreign Affairs and Trade – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Public Service Commission	-	-1.6	-2.0	-1.2	-1.3
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-2.1	-0.8	-6.6	-1.2
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	-5.3	-2.5	-3.3	-3.7
Tourism Australia	-	-22.0	-13.0	-	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-25.8	-24.7	-22.5	-21.0
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	-35.0	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-91.8	-43.0	-33.6	-27.2

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding from 2021–22 MYEFO and 2022–23 March Budget measures. This totals \$213.3 million over 5 years from 2022–23 in relation to Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Savings include redirections of funding under the *Australian Agriculture Visa* program (\$90.4 million over 5 years), the *International Freight Assistance Mechanism* program (\$35.0 million in 2022–23) and 2022–23 March Budget measures.

This funding will offset the Government’s election commitments and will also be redirected to other Foreign Affairs and Trade programs to support Government priorities.

This funding will be redirected to fund other initiatives across the Foreign Affairs portfolio, including the related payment measures titled *Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme*, *Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives*, *First Nations Foreign Policy* and *Supporting Australia’s Trade and Tourism Sectors*.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Memorial Services for Bali Bombings Travel Assistance Payment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has provided \$2.2 million in 2022–23 to assist family members and first responders to travel to Canberra and Indonesia for events commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 2002 Bali bombings.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Pacific Security and Engagement Initiatives

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Federal Police	-	31.6	14.2	-	-
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Department of Home Affairs	-	3.4	6.5	6.8	6.8
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Defence	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Finance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	42.9	28.6	14.8	14.8

The Government will provide \$147.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$23.9 million per year ongoing) to expand Australia’s engagement with Pacific partners and increase support to regional security priorities. Funding includes:

- \$45.7 million over two years from 2022–23 to support the Australian Federal Police’s deployment in Honiara through the *Solomons’ International Assistance Force*
- \$32.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to expand the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s regional transmission
- \$30.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$14.5 million per year ongoing) to upgrade the aerial surveillance capability under the *Pacific Maritime Security Program*

- \$22.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$6.4 million per year ongoing) to establish a network of Australian Border Force (ABF) officers across the Pacific
- \$6.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish an Australia Pacific Defence School to provide enhanced integrated training for members of Pacific defence and security forces
- \$5.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to increase Australia’s diplomatic footprint in the Pacific
- \$4.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.4 million per year ongoing) to enhance the capacity of the ABF College to provide training to Pacific security forces.

The Government will provide funding to support the development of key economic sectors in the region, with the financial implications not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

The Government will also reinstate regular bipartisan Parliamentary visits to the Pacific.

This measure will redirect funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measures and savings identified as part of the Spending Audit.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Defence and the Department of Home Affairs.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Southeast Asia Engagement Initiatives

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to increase engagement with Southeast Asia. Funding includes:

- \$9.0 million to establish an Office of Southeast Asia within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and appoint a Special Envoy to Southeast Asia to deepen engagement with Southeast Asia, including development of an ASEAN Economic Strategy to 2040
- \$4.0 million to establish a pilot in country language skills program in Vietnam.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Supporting Australia’s Trade and Tourism Sectors

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	27.8	30.5	29.7	31.5
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	-	16.9	22.3	5.5	3.2
Total – Payments	-	44.7	52.8	35.2	34.8

The Government will provide \$171.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support Australian trade and tourism, including:

- up to \$100.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for Australia’s participation in the World Expo 2025 hosted in Osaka, Japan
- \$48.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support recruitment and marketing in the tourism and travel sectors and for infrastructure upgrades for caravan parks
- \$19.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for initiatives to implement the Singapore-Australia Green Economy Agreement
- \$4.0 million over two years from 2022–23 for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to support Australia’s trade diversification.

This measure will redirect funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measures and savings identified as part of the Spending Audit.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission.

Health and Aged Care

2022 Channel 7 Perth Telethon

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	4.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.7 million in 2022–23 to the Channel 7 Telethon Trust to support children’s health in Western Australia. The Trust provides financial assistance to charitable organisations and children’s hospitals and funds research into children’s diseases.

The Government has also provided \$1.3 million in 2022–23 to the Trust for the ORIGINS project, funded through the Medical Research Future Fund, as part of annual funding of \$1.3 million per year provided since the 2017–18 MYEFO. The ORIGINS project is a long-term study of pregnant women and their families to understand how early environment and parental health impact longer-term diseases and conditions.

Australian Centre for Disease Control – design and consultation

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.7	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.2 million in 2022–23 to undertake the initial design for the establishment of an Australian Centre for Disease Control. The design work will incorporate stakeholder consultations to ensure the new Centre will support improved pandemic preparedness and response, as well as the prevention of chronic disease.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Bentley Surgicentre

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	-	0.6	15.0	17.5

The Government will provide \$75.0 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to support the delivery of the Bentley Hospital Surgicentre in Perth in partnership with the Western Australian Government.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Comprehensive Cancer Centres

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	22.0	28.0	95.0	103.5

The Government will provide \$452.0 million over 6 years from 2022–23 to support the establishment of world class cancer centres in Brisbane and Adelaide. Funding includes:

- \$375.0 million over 6 years from 2022–23 to contribute to the establishment of the Queensland Cancer Centre in Brisbane. The centre will be owned and operated by the Queensland Government and will be located within the Herston Health Precinct at the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital.
- \$77.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to contribute to the establishment of the Bragg Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Adelaide. The centre is an extension of the Australian Bragg Centre for Proton Therapy and Research at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute.

The centres will provide multi-disciplinary cancer care, research and clinical trials for all types of cancers.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Continuation of the National Sports Tribunal

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.6	3.3	3.1	3.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3

The Government will provide additional funding of \$9.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to continue the National Sports Tribunal, which provides independent resolution dispute processes for sport participants and National Sporting Organisations.

COVID-19 Package – aged care

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	844.7	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	0.3	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	845.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$845.4 million in 2022–23 to support older Australians and the aged care sector with managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding includes:

- \$810.2 million for claims made by aged care providers for additional costs incurred due to COVID-19 outbreaks that occur until 31 December 2022
- \$34.9 million to extend the current in-reach testing arrangements in Residential Aged Care Facilities to 31 December 2022
- \$0.3 million to extend the operation of the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre from 30 June 2022 to 30 September 2022 to enable the continued support of residential aged care facilities to manage COVID-19 outbreaks in Victoria during Winter 2022.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure extends the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – ageing and aged care* and the *Victorian Aged Care Response Centre* component of the 2021–22 MYEFO measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – ageing and aged care*.

COVID-19 Package – hospitals and emergency response

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	759.9	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	48.3	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	808.2	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$808.2 million in 2022–23 to extend elements of the Government’s response to COVID-19 until 31 December 2022. Funding includes:

- \$759.9 million to extend the *National Partnership on COVID-19 Response*, which provides for 50 per cent of the cost of state and territory COVID-19 responses including vaccine delivery, testing and treatments
- \$48.3 million in 2022–23 to extend the GP-led Respiratory Clinics program, which delivers face-to-face care, respiratory assessments, COVID-19 testing and treatment of COVID-positive patients
- extending medical indemnity legislative arrangements to continue access to the *Run-Off Cover Scheme* to support eligible doctors and midwives returning to the workforce to help address shortages arising from COVID-19.

This measure extends the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – supporting our hospitals and emergency response extension* and the 2021–22 MYEFO measures titled *COVID-19 Response Package – supporting our hospitals* and *COVID-19 Response Package – strengthening primary care*.

COVID-19 Package – Medicare and medicines

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	159.7	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	1.4	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.3	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	162.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$162.4 million in 2022–23 for COVID-19 related items.

Funding includes:

- \$145.1 million to extend Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) rebates for polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses
- \$6.3 million to establish a new temporary MBS item for general practitioners (GPs) to undertake telehealth consultations to evaluate eligible COVID-positive patients' suitability for oral antivirals
- \$5.7 million to extend the temporary MBS item to support GPs and other medical practitioners to manage COVID-positive patients in the community
- \$5.4 million to continue access to Medicare rebates for telehealth appointments for patients with COVID-19, regardless of whether they have an existing clinical relationship with the GP.

COVID-19 Package – personal protective equipment and rapid antigen tests

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$410.3 million in 2022–23 for the procurement and distribution of rapid antigen tests (RATs) and personal protective equipment (PPE) to support COVID-19 outbreak management and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in high risk settings. Funding includes:

- \$234.9 million to purchase 261 million units of PPE for the National Medical Stockpile (NMS) for distribution to Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs), the disability sector, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHs), General Practices (GPs), GP Respiratory Clinics (GPRCs), and vaccinating pharmacies
- \$174.8 million to purchase 31 million additional RATs to replenish supplies in the NMS for distribution to vulnerable population cohorts
- \$0.6 million to continue independent verification laboratory testing to determine and publicly report on the effectiveness of RATs approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

The Government will extend temporary access to PPE from the NMS to eligible health, aged care and residential disability care providers, including RACFs, ACCHs, GPs, GPRCs, vaccinating pharmacies and National Disability Insurance Scheme participants in supported independent living arrangements and their carers until 31 December 2022.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care. Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

This measure extends the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – personal protective equipment and rapid antigen tests*.

COVID-19 Package – vaccines and treatments

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	332.2	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	16.1	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	4.5	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	3.0	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	355.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$355.8 million in 2022–23 for the distribution and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines across Australia. Funding includes:

- \$314.0 million for the distribution of fourth vaccine doses in primary care settings, pharmacies, state-based clinical sites, aged and disability care facilities, and First Nations communities
- \$41.8 million for communication activities to drive uptake with a specific focus on people at risk of severe disease and those with lower access to mainstream media.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care. Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

The Government has also provisioned \$500.0 million in 2022–23 for the procurement of additional vaccines and treatments on the National Medical Stockpile.

This measure extends the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – vaccines and treatments*.

Establishing a National Health Sustainability and Climate Unit to Inform the National Health Response to Climate Change

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.5	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$3.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.7 million per year ongoing) to develop a National Health and Climate Strategy and establish a National Health Sustainability and Climate Unit. This unit will address emerging health risks resulting from climate change and coordinate climate change responses across the health system.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Expanding Newborn Screening – world-class newborn bloodspot screening programs

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	4.9	6.3	6.4	7.7
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.7
Total – Payments	-	7.8	8.6	8.8	10.4

The Government will provide \$39.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to increase the number and consistency of conditions screened through the newborn bloodspot screening programs.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Fixing the Aged Care Crisis

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	32.8	171.7	968.9	1,267.0
Services Australia	-	4.3	0.7	0.6	-
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	-	3.2	6.7	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	1.4	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	4.1	24.8	32.5
Total – Payments	-	41.8	183.2	994.3	1,299.5

The Government will provide \$2.5 billion over 4 years from 2022–23 to reform the aged care system. Funding includes:

- \$2.5 billion over 4 years from 2022–23 to improve the quality of care in residential aged care facilities by requiring all facilities to have a registered nurse onsite 24 hours per day, 7 days a week from 1 July 2023 and increasing care minutes to 215 minutes per resident per day from 1 October 2024
- \$23.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to improve aged care infrastructure and services that provide additional support to older First Nations peoples, and older Australians from diverse communities and regional areas
- \$9.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to establish the Aged Care Complaints Commissioner within the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission from December 2022
- \$8.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to increase financial transparency through the introduction of new financial reporting requirements for residential aged care providers
- \$5.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to the Maggie Beer Foundation to support the sector in providing better food for residential aged care and home care recipients
- \$3.6 million in 2022–23 to establish a national registration scheme and code of conduct for personal care workers in the aged care sector.

The Government will also:

- improve continuity of care by requiring aged care providers to preference direct employment for their staff
- improve governance in the aged care sector by strengthening regulation of aged care providers, including through new civil penalties to better protect whistle blowers and ordering providers to pay compensation to care recipients where loss or damage has occurred due to neglect
- cap administration and management fees charged by providers in the *Home Care Packages Program*.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Flinders Medical Centre

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	3.0	7.5	20.0	50.0

The Government will provide \$200.0 million over 6 years from 2022–23 for the expansion of the Flinders Medical Centre and for upgrades to the Repat Health Precinct in Daw Park in partnership with the South Australian Government.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Government Spending Audit – Health and Aged Care – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-41.2	-3.0	-3.0	-3.1

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting \$50.4 million from the *Training for Authorised Nurse Immunisers in Residential Aged Care* component of the 2022–23 March Budget measure *COVID-19 Response Package – Ageing and Aged Care*. Providers have a variety of existing arrangements in place to support the vaccination of their care recipients.

The Government has also agreed to decommission the COVIDSafe App, the Coronavirus Australia App and the COVID-19 WhatsApp Channel. The cost of these resources had been met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This funding will offset the Government’s election commitments and be redirected to support other Government priorities in health and aged care.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Implementing Aged Care Reform

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	104.7	288.7	105.6	26.2
Australian Digital Health Agency	-	2.5	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	2.4	1.3	0.3	0.3
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	-	2.1	4.1	1.6	-
Department of Finance	-	-	0.2	0.2	-
Total – Payments	-	111.7	294.2	107.7	26.6

The Government will provide \$540.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to improve the delivery of aged care services and respond to the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. Funding includes:

- \$312.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for essential aged care information and communication technologies system maintenance and enhancements, including streamlined reporting, and to enable aged care sector reform
- \$68.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to extend and expand the Regional Stewardship of the Aged Care outreach model to strengthen governance and to support the implementation of aged care reforms in regional areas
- \$53.5 million for 12 months from 1 January 2023 to extend the Disability Support for Older Australians Program to 31 December 2023
- \$43.8 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to expand eligibility for the Australian National Aged Care Classification Transition Fund by including the Basic Daily Fee supplement in the calculation that determines the amount of financial support for facilities
- \$38.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish the Inspector-General of Aged Care and the Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care as a Statutory Agency
- \$23.1 million in 2022–23 to support the implementation of the *Support at Home Program* from July 2024 through conducting a large scale trial of an integrated assessment tool, the establishment of a Service List Advisory Body, commissioning the Independent Hospital and Aged Care Pricing Authority to undertake a pricing study, and to consult with the aged care sector.

The Government will also extend existing grant arrangements for the *Commonwealth Home Support Programme* for a further 12 months to 30 June 2024 to reflect the new start date of 1 July 2024 for the *Support at Home Program*.

Improving Access to Care

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	69.3	77.6	86.1	94.6
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide \$327.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$94.6 million per year ongoing) to expand the Continuous Glucose Monitoring Initiative to provide subsidised glucose monitoring devices to all people with type 1 diabetes.

This measure also includes an increase to the age limit for participants in the Insulin Pump Program from 18 to 21 years. This program provides insulin pumps to financially disadvantaged families who have children with type 1 diabetes.

Details of the receipts for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Improving Primary Care in Rural and Regional Australia

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	5.0	7.4	5.4	5.4
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	4.4	9.5	6.8	5.8
Contingency Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	9.4	16.9	12.2	11.2

The Government will provide \$61.8 million over 6 years from 2022–23 to fund local health investment projects in rural and regional locations to improve primary care outcomes and reduce pressure on hospital emergency departments. Funding includes:

- \$28.7 million over 6 years from 2022–23 to restore and provide ongoing funding to the GP Access After Hours program in the Hunter Region of New South Wales (NSW)
- \$20.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish a new cancer support pilot program at the W.P. Holman Clinic, and to support the construction of a new hospice, located within the Launceston General Hospital Precinct, to improve palliative care in northern Tasmania
- \$4.4 million over two years from 2022–23 to reopen the Minor Accident and Illness Centre at the Morayfield Health Hub in Queensland

- \$4.0 million over 5 years from 2023–24 to develop a medical research centre within the Launceston General Hospital in Tasmania
- \$3.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to improve access to quality end-of-life care at the newly established Anam Cara House palliative care facility in Geelong, Victoria
- \$1.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to reopen the Kaden Centre in the Hunter Region of NSW.

Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Medicare Benefits Schedule – new and amended listings

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-0.1	..	..	..
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-5.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Total – Payments	-	-5.6	0.5	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$9.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to amend the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) to improve access to primary health care services and improve clinical practice. Funding includes:

- \$3.6 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to increase rebates for 6 nuclear medicine items (including Yttrium, Iodine, Phosphorous and SM Lexidronam) for patients receiving scans and treatment for illnesses, including cancer
- \$2.3 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to introduce a new somatic gene panel test in the initial diagnosis of patients with morphological features of glioma, glioneuronal tumours or glioblastoma
- \$1.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for a new item for a whole-body magnetic resonance imaging scan to enable the detection of cancer in individuals with germline pathogenic TP53 variant
- \$0.9 million in 2022–23 for additional costs associated with the procurement of the nuclear medicine Gallium-67
- \$0.6 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for new and amended pathology items for antimicrobial drug susceptibility testing for patients who have an infection caused by a pathogen in the mycobacterium tuberculosis complex
- \$0.1 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to amend patient eligibility for the current therapeutic nuclear medicine item for the treatment of painful bony metastases with any cancer type.

The Government will also achieve efficiencies of \$13.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 by responding to the MBS Review Taskforce’s recommendations to align the MBS with contemporary practice. Efficiencies include:

- \$6.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 from deferring the implementation of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery component of the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Guaranteeing Medicare – changes to the Medicare Benefits Schedule*, to allow for greater consultation with the sector
- \$4.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 from not proceeding with the implementation of pooled access to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health items
- \$2.2 million over 3 years from 2023–24 from introducing two new items for single gene testing for the diagnosis of early-onset heritable neuromuscular disorders to replace existing biopsy tests.

Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

Mental Health

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.1	..	..	..

The Government will provide \$24.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (including \$6.6 million per year ongoing) to improve access to mental health services.

Funding includes:

- \$23.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$6.6 million per year ongoing) to expand and strengthen the national network of *headspace* services with 3 new centres located in Edmondson Park in New South Wales (NSW), in Armstrong Creek and South Melbourne in Victoria, and two satellite services located in Kiama in NSW and Bribie Island in Queensland
- \$0.8 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for MATES in Manufacturing for field officers to run workshops aimed at preventing suicide in the manufacturing sector.

The cost of this measure will be largely met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Mental Health Supports for Flood-affected Communities in New South Wales

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support communities impacted by flooding in New South Wales. Funding includes:

- \$8.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for additional youth mental health services in Ballina and Hawkesbury and to continue the operation of the *Head to Health* pop-up clinic in Richmond for a further 6 months
- \$4.4 million in 2022–23 to provide additional urgent mental health support to impacted communities through emergency response coordinators, wellbeing and resilience grants, and supports targeted to First Nations people.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

More Access to Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	2.0	3.2	3.4	3.5
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	2.0	3.3	3.5	3.6

The Government will provide \$12.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to provide Medicare eligibility for Magnetic Resonance Imaging at the new Maitland Hospital, the Wyong Hospital, and the Hawkesbury Hospital in New South Wales.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.5	0.9	6.8	6.8

The Government will provide \$15.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$6.6 million per year ongoing) to establish and support a National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health (the National Centre of Excellence).

The National Centre of Excellence will deliver a central hub of expertise, resources and research on the health care of people with intellectual disability and provide leadership in meeting the needs of people with intellectual disability.

Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

National Medical Stockpile – additional monkeypox vaccines

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	73.7	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	42.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$73.9 million in 2022–23 (including \$72.0 million in capital funding in 2022–23) to purchase additional vaccines and treatments for the National Medical Stockpile in response to the monkeypox outbreak, including:

- MVA-BN JYNNEOS® vaccine
- Tecovirimat (TPOXX) treatment.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure will redirect funding from the PEFO measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – treatments*.

National Melanoma Nurse Network

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.7	3.4	4.7	5.1

The Government will provide \$14.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to Melanoma Institute Australia for additional melanoma nurses in each state and territory to deliver specialist nursing support to melanoma cancer patients.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

National Nurse and Midwife Health Support Service

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.6	5.7	6.0	5.7

The Government will provide \$19.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation to establish the National Nurse and Midwife Health Support Service to provide counselling and health support services to nurses and midwives.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – new and amended listings

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	243.6	385.9	373.1	380.4
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	4.4	6.8	9.1	9.5
Services Australia	-	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total – Payments	-	248.8	393.0	382.4	390.1
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>	<i>nfp</i>

The Government will provide \$1.4 billion over 4 years from 2022–23 for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the Life Saving Drugs Program, the National Diabetes Services Scheme and the Stoma Appliance Scheme.

Examples of new and amended PBS listings since the 2022–23 March Budget include:

- nirmatrelvir and ritonavir (Paxlovid®) from 1 July 2022, for the treatment of adults with COVID-19
- molnupiravir (Lagevrio®) from 1 July 2022, for the treatment of adults with COVID-19 who are at increased risk of hospitalisation or death
- zanubrutinib (Brukinsa®) from 1 July 2022, for the treatment of Waldenström macroglobulinemia
- diroximel fumarate (Vumerity®) from 1 August 2022, for the treatment of relapsed multiple sclerosis
- nusinersen (Spinraza®) from 1 September 2022, for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy
- avalglucosidase alfa (Nexviazyme®) from 1 September 2022, on the Life Saving Drugs Program, for the treatment of infantile onset Pompe disease and late onset Pompe disease
- mecasermin (Increlex®) from 1 October 2022, for the treatment of severe growth failure with primary insulin-like growth factor 1 deficiency
- nivolumab (Opdivo®) from 1 October 2022, for the first line treatment of advanced or metastatic gastro-oesophageal cancers
- cemiplimab (Libtayo®) from 1 November 2022, for the treatment of metastatic or locally advanced cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma.

The cost of some medicines listed will be reduced by revenue from rebates negotiated as part of purchase agreements. Details of the receipts for this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

Plan for Cheaper Medicines

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	117.4	212.3	222.5	233.3
Services Australia	-	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	118.6	212.4	222.6	233.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>23.9</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>29.3</i>

The Government will provide \$787.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$233.4 million per year ongoing) to decrease the general patient co-payment for treatments on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from \$42.50 to \$30.00 on 1 January 2023.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Radiation Therapy Centre and Birthing Unit and Maternity Ward

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	-	4.7	0.9	0.9
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	4.7	0.9	0.9

The Government is committed to supporting access to hospital services in regional communities and has provisioned \$6.5 million over 3 years from 2023–24.

Funding includes:

- \$4.7 million in 2023–24 to restore maternity services to Yass District Hospital in New South Wales (NSW)
- \$1.8 million for two years from 2024–25 in additional funding for radiation therapy services in the Eurobodalla region in NSW.

Funding will be held in the Contingency Reserve until final details are settled following negotiations with the NSW Government.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment.

Renewing Australia’s Efforts to End the HIV Pandemic

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4

The Government will provide \$5.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to fund peak community organisations to provide targeted information to hard-to-reach groups and advice to Government on HIV and other emerging issues. Funding will also enable the development of a peer-led contact tracing pilot.

The Government will also establish a taskforce to provide advice to the Minister for Health and Aged Care on how governments, community organisations and the health sector can work together to end HIV transmission.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Restoring Regional Mental Telehealth Services – restoring loading to regional psychiatry telehealth services

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	7.1	12.0	13.2	14.3
Department of Veterans’ Affairs	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Services Australia	-	..	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total – Payments	-	7.3	12.3	13.5	14.7

The Government will provide \$47.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to reinstate Medicare Benefits Schedule item 288. This will provide for a 50 per cent loading for bulk-billed telehealth psychiatry consultations in telehealth eligible areas across regional and rural Australia.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Revitalisation of the AIS Arena

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Sports Commission	-	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.9

The Government will provide \$15.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (including \$11.6 million in capital funding in 2022–23 and 2023–24) to make necessary upgrades to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Arena to support its re-opening.

Rural and Regional Health

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	4.7	28.1	45.2	47.2
Services Australia	-	2.5	3.7	0.6	0.6
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	5.4
Total – Payments	-	7.2	31.8	45.8	53.2

The Government will provide \$143.3 million over 4 years to support access to healthcare in rural and regional areas by investing in primary care services, training, workforce incentives and trials for innovative models of care. Funding includes:

- \$74.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to introduce tiered financial incentive payments to recognise doctors with additional recognised skills practising in rural and remote regions, as part of the doctor stream of the *Workforce Incentive Program*
- \$29.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to expand the list of eligible health professionals and increase the rural loading in the practice stream of the *Workforce Incentive Program*
- \$24.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to fund an additional 3 rounds of the *Innovative Models of Care Program* to trial new primary care models
- \$8.4 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to provide 15 additional hospital-based training posts per year for rural generalists and rural general practitioners to attain specialist and advanced skills in regional and remote Australia
- \$5.6 million in 2025–26 (and \$11.2 million per year ongoing) to provide additional rural primary care training rotations for junior doctors through the *John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program*
- \$0.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to fund 10 additional Single Employer Model trials in rural and remote areas from 1 July 2023
- \$0.4 million in 2022–23 to Coast & Country Primary Care for the Health on the Streets Initiative to provide care services for Australians experiencing homelessness on the east coast.

The Government will also expand the locations classified as Distribution Priority Areas for an additional 12 months.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Rural Health and Medical Training for Far North Queensland

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	5.5	4.1	0.6
Department of Education	-	-	0.3	1.0	1.7
Total – Payments	-	-	5.8	5.1	2.3
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.2 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to James Cook University to provide 20 additional Commonwealth supported places on an ongoing basis, and to establish a new medical training campus in Cairns.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Shepherd Centres – better care for Australian children with hearing loss

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	7.7	1.9	0.8	-

The Government will provide \$10.4 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to increase access to hearing services and for a national awareness campaign. Funding includes:

- \$6.5 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to the Shepherd Centre to provide hearing services and care for children and their families. The Shepherd Centre will establish clinical centres in New South Wales and Tasmania and expand its online support service, HearHub
- \$3.9 million in 2022–23 to support a national campaign to raise awareness of hearing health in the community.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Sport4All – First Nations Program – expansion

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Sports Commission	-	3.4	2.7	2.2	2.0

The Government will provide \$10.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for the national expansion of the Sport4All pilot. The expansion will provide people with disability with the opportunity to participate in club and school sports with a focus on First Nations people living with disability.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Stay Afloat

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million over 2 years from 2022–23 to support the national rollout of Seafood Industry Australia’s *Stay Afloat* Program, which will establish up to 50 hubs in Australian fishing communities to provide mental health and wellbeing support for commercial fishers and seafood workers.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Strengthening First Nations Health

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	29.4	69.2	101.8	95.0
Australian Sports Commission	-	0.6	1.1	0.6	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	30.0	70.3	102.3	95.0

The Government will provide \$314.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support the Government’s commitment to close the gap for First Nations peoples’ health and wellbeing outcomes. Funding includes:

- \$164.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to invest in modern health clinics in areas of large and growing First Nations populations, as well as targeted investments to build capacity for chronic disease treatment and rehabilitation
- \$54.3 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to deliver up to 500 First Nations Certificate III and IV traineeships in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- \$45.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to invest in 30 new and upgraded dialysis units to improve the health of First Nations peoples with end-stage kidney disease
- \$22.5 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to build a dedicated Birthing on Country Centre of Excellence in Nowra, New South Wales
- \$14.2 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to provide additional support for rheumatic heart disease treatment, detection and prevention activities in high-risk First Nations communities
- \$10.1 million in 2022–23 for CareFlight to increase its capacity to deliver aeromedical services in the Northern Territory
- \$2.2 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support First Nations community participation in AFL training and competitions across the Northern Territory
- \$1.9 million in 2022–23 to provide two dialysis treatment buses in regional New South Wales and upgrade medical equipment in order to improve access to medical support for First Nations peoples
- \$0.3 million in 2022–23 for grants to community organisations for a medical consulting room, play areas and gym equipment to improve the health and wellbeing of First Nations peoples.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Strengthening Medicare GP Grants

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	201.5	26.1	-	-

The Government will provide \$229.7 million over two years from 2022–23 to invest in general practices through the Strengthening Medicare General Practice (GP) Grants Program.

The grants will support general practices, including Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and other GP-led practices, to invest in training, equipment and minor capital works to enhance digital health capability, upgrade infection prevention and control arrangements, and support practices to achieve or maintain accreditation under the National General Practice Accreditation Scheme.

The measure is designed to allocate a meaningful proportion to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations with relevant expertise, particularly community controlled organisations. This is a commitment under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

The Government is also committed to delivering the Strengthening Medicare Fund to provide better access and care for patients. The delivery of the Fund will be informed by the recommendations of the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce, which is scheduled to report by the end of 2022. Funding for the Fund has been provisioned in the Contingency Reserve.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Strengthening Women’s Health During Pregnancy – stillbirth autopsies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$13.9 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support bereaved parents by increasing the number of stillbirth autopsies and providing additional support services. Funding includes:

- \$11.4 million to increase the number of perinatal pathologists to perform stillbirth autopsies and the perinatal loss workforce
- \$2.2 million to jointly fund hospital transport costs with state and territory governments
- \$0.3 million for the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia to support perinatal pathology career pathways.

This measure will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Women’s Health Package*.

Support for Bleeding Disorder Education and Engagement

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.3 million in 2022–23 to Haemophilia Foundation Australia to support its work pursuing better health outcomes for people with haemophilia and bleeding disorders.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Support for New and Expecting Parents

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	..	0.1	0.2	0.2
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-1.0	3.5	2.9	2.9
Total – Payments	-	-1.0	3.6	3.1	3.1

The Government will provide \$32.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (with \$8.7 million ongoing) to support new and expecting parents. Funding includes:

- \$26.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (with \$8.7 million per year ongoing) to establish 12 perinatal mental health centres across Australia to provide Medicare Benefits Schedule psychological counselling services to new and expecting parents
- \$5.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to expand the pregnancy and post-natal care guidelines for expectant parents, including targeted consultation and guidance for culturally and linguistically diverse people and First Nations peoples.

The Government will achieve savings of \$2.4 million in 2022–23 through deferring funding for the Assistance for IVF – Assisted Reproductive Technology Storage component of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Women's Health Package*, to undertake further consultation on the design and implementation of the measure.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Supporting Access to After-Hours Primary Care Services – Brighton Walk-In After-Hours Health Centre

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.6	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.6 million in 2022–23 to build an after-hours walk-in clinic in Brighton, Tasmania. The clinic will improve access to after-hours care in North Hobart and the Derwent Valley and reduce demand on local hospital emergency departments.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Supporting the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ People

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.9	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to fund peak community organisations to undertake consultations with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer and Asexual (LGBTIQ+) people to understand barriers to accessing health services. The Government will also provide additional funding to QLife to recruit volunteer peer support workers.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Surf Life Saving Clubs

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.6	1.6	1.6	-

The Government will provide \$5.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to the Surf Life Saving Australia’s Beach Safety Equipment Fund for the purchase of surf rescue and medical supplies.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Telehealth Nurse Program – Patient Pathways – extension of Rare Disease Telehealth Nurse Program

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-

The Government will provide \$3.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to extend and expand the Rare Disease Telehealth Nurse Program, to assist patients with rare diseases to navigate the health system.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Therapeutic Goods Administration – completion of digital and business transformation for consumers, healthcare providers and industry

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	13.9	9.4	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Health and Aged Care</i>	-	-	2.6	4.7	4.7

The Government will provide \$23.3 million over two years from 2022–23 (including \$12.3 million in capital funding in 2022–23 and \$7.9 million in capital funding in 2023–24) to modernise the Therapeutic Goods Administration’s (TGA) business systems to streamline processes for the medicines and medical devices industry. The funding will also enhance the Australian Unique Device Identification Database which provides for the safety and traceability of medical devices in Australia.

The Government will also raise \$23.3 million over 6 years from 2023–24 from changes to cost recovery arrangements for the TGA.

Urgent Care Clinics

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	50.0	50.0	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	21.5	40.2	36.4	36.9
Total – Payments	-	71.5	90.2	36.4	36.9

The Government will provide \$235.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to commence the roll-out of Urgent Care Clinics, including \$100.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to co-develop and pilot innovative models with states and territories to improve care pathways and inform program roll-out.

The Urgent Care Clinics will reduce pressure on hospital emergency departments and make it easier for Australian families to see a doctor or a nurse when they require urgent but not life-threatening care. All Urgent Care Clinics will be open during extended business hours with no appointments required, and will ensure that patients do not have out-of-pocket costs.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Home Affairs

A Government that Works for Multicultural Australia

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	0.5	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to conduct a review of Australia’s multicultural policy settings to support efforts to further strengthen social cohesion.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Community Language Schools

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	6.3	5.7	5.7	0.5

The Government will provide \$18.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish a Community Language Schools Grants program to support more young Australians to learn a second language.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Disaster Ready Fund

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Emergency Management Agency	-	30.4	200.0	200.0	200.0

The Government will provide \$630.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to strengthen Australia’s resilience to disasters. Funding includes:

- up to \$200.0 million per year from 2023–24 for the Disaster Ready Fund to co-contribute in support of resilience projects nominated by the state and territory governments to strengthen Australia’s disaster readiness and resilience
- \$30.4 million in 2022–23 to implement disaster resilience initiatives across 30 local government areas.

The Disaster Ready Fund will repurpose the existing Emergency Response Fund to reduce potential disaster loss and damage to Australian communities. The Government will continue to fund disaster responses under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

This measure delivers on the Government’s commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Disaster Relief Australia

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Emergency Management Agency	-	3.9	8.4	10.8	15.2

The Government will provide \$38.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to Disaster Relief Australia to expand its capacity to deliver disaster relief and recovery activities.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Disaster Support

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	47.2	-	-	-
National Emergency Management Agency	-	0.8	0.7	-	-
Total – Payments	-	48.0	0.7	-	-

The Government will provide \$51.5 million in 2022–23 to support communities impacted by natural disasters, including:

- \$24.6 million for Queensland communities impacted by flooding in May 2022
- \$22.6 million for ongoing recovery for communities from the 2019–20 Black Summer bushfires in Victoria
- \$2.8 million towards rebuilding of the Norco Ice Cream Factory in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales
- \$1.5 million for the National Emergency Management Agency to support work on optimal responses and resilience to natural disasters.

The support outlined in this measure is in addition to previous assistance provided by the Commonwealth Government in response to flooding in Queensland in March and May 2022, and in New South Wales from February, March and July 2022 through Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payments (AGDRP), Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA) and other payments made under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. It is also additional to the assistance announced for Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania in October 2022.

The Government is expecting to provide \$1.4 billion to individuals impacted by disaster events through the AGDRP and DRA.

The 2022–23 October Budget includes a provision of \$3.0 billion over the forward estimates to account for potential future expenditure on floods or other disaster response payments, including for demand driven payments under the DRFA, and delayed AGDRP and DRA claims.

Partial funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government.

Government Spending Audit – Home Affairs – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	-10.2	-5.0	-	-

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding from previous Budget rounds. This totals \$15.2 million over two years from 2022–23 in relation to Home Affairs, including:

- \$9.5 million from the partial reversal of the funding provided in the 2022–23 March Budget for the management of the Immigration Detention Network, including for quarantine for escort staff that is no longer required
- \$5.0 million from the partial reversal of the 2020–21 Budget measure titled *Australia's Cyber Security Strategy 2020*, including redirecting uncommitted funding from the Cyber Capability Fund.

This funding will offset the Government's election commitments and will also be redirected to fund other Home Affairs portfolio programs to realign expenditure to support Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Improving the Adult Migrant English Program

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	2.5	5.0	5.0	7.5

The Government will provide \$20.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to provide more flexible delivery options for the *Adult Migrant English Program* and increase case management support to students.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Pacific Engagement Visa

Payments (\$m)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	4.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
Department of Home Affairs	-	3.0	9.0	10.0	17.4
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	1.7	3.2	3.2	3.3
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.5	0.3	-	-
Department of Education	-	1.4	5.8	10.8	16.0
Department of Social Services	-	-	5.7	18.6	33.6
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	-	1.9	5.3	8.3
Department of the Treasury	-	-	..	5.0	5.0
Total – Payments	-	11.9	26.3	53.2	83.9
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	5.0	15.0	35.0
<i>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i>	-	-	-
<i>Department of Education</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Department of Home Affairs</i>	-	-
Total – Receipts	-	-	5.0	15.0	35.0

The Government will provide \$175.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$80.3 million per year ongoing from 2026–27), to boost permanent migration to Australia by creating a new Pacific Engagement Visa for nationals of Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste. Up to 3,000 places per year will be made available to eligible Pacific nationals in addition to the existing permanent Migration Program.

This measure is estimated to increase tax receipts by \$55.0 million over the 4 years from 2022–23.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Pandemic Support Payment Extensions

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Emergency Management Agency	-	858.5	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
National Emergency Management Agency	-	429.3	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	18.8	-	-
Total – Receipts	-	429.3	18.8	-	-

The Government has provided an additional \$399.8 million to extend the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment (PLDP), until the end of mandatory isolation requirements on 14 October 2022.

In addition, the Government will provide a further \$29.5 million for the new High Risk Settings Pandemic Payment from 15 October 2022 to provide targeted financial support, on the same basis as the PLDP, for workers in aged care, disability care, aboriginal healthcare and hospital care sectors involving frequent close contact with those in care.

The costs of the new High Risk Settings Pandemic Payment will be shared equally between the Commonwealth and the states and territories.

Personal income tax receipts are also expected to increase by \$18.8 million in 2023–24 as a result of the introduction of the new High Risk Settings Pandemic Payment.

See also the related payment measure *Administration of COVID-19 and Emergency Payments* in the Social Services Portfolio.

Plan for Disaster Readiness – rising insurance premiums

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Emergency Management Agency	-	5.3	9.4	5.3	2.7

The Government will provide \$25.3 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to the National Emergency Management Agency for initiatives to improve insurance affordability and availability. These include the establishment of new partnerships with the private sector, including the insurance industry, on risk reduction and insurance affordability and the development of a national knowledge base of mitigations to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters.

Industry, Science and Resources

Government Spending Audit – Industry and Science Portfolio – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	-164.3	-192.8	-77.5	-71.7

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding measures from the previous government. This totals \$506.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 in relation to the Industry and Science Portfolio. Savings include:

- \$303.7 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for the partial reversal of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Boosting the Modern Manufacturing Strategy and Addressing Critical Supply Chain Vulnerabilities*, including:
 - reversing uncommitted funding in the *Modern Manufacturing Initiative*
 - not proceeding with a third round of the *Manufacturing Modernisation Fund*
- \$197.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 from redirecting uncommitted funding from the *Entrepreneurs' Program* to deliver on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*
- \$5.0 million in 2022–23 from ceasing the Thermochemical Conversion Technology Trial Facility component of the 2019–20 Budget measure titled *Thermochemical Conversion Technology Facility*.

This funding will offset the Government's election commitments, including the establishment of the \$15.0 billion National Reconstruction Fund, and will also be redirected to fund other Industry and Science programs to realign expenditure to support Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

National Reconstruction Fund – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	9.0	34.5	-	-
Department of Finance	-	0.5	0.7	-	-
Total – Payments	-	9.5	35.3	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</i>	-	-	*	*	*

The Government will invest \$15.0 billion over 7 years from 2023–24 to establish the National Reconstruction Fund (NRF) to support, diversify and transform Australian industry and the economy through targeted co-investments in 7 priority areas: resources; agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors; transport; medical science; renewables and low emission technologies; defence capability; and enabling capabilities. Funding includes:

- \$15.0 billion in targeted co-investments through independently assessed projects
- \$50.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, and the Department of Finance to establish the NRF.

The NRF is expected to generate revenue from investments, which will be quantified as part of the policy and legislation design of the NRF, following public consultation.

This measure will redirect \$5.2 million from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Boosting the Modern Manufacturing Strategy and Addressing Critical Supply Chain Vulnerabilities*.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Supporting Australia’s Resources

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	-	-0.1	-0.3	..	0.6
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	-2.0	-0.4	-0.9	2.1
Geoscience Australia	-	-2.7	-0.1	0.6	2.1
Department of Finance	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	-4.8	-0.8	-0.3	4.9

The Government will provide funding over 4 years from 2022–23 to support the Australian resources industry. Funding includes:

- \$99.8 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for the Strategic Critical Minerals Development Program to support Australian critical minerals producers overcome technical and market access barriers. This funding will be offset by partially reversing the Critical Minerals Accelerator Initiative from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Critical Minerals Strategy – implementation* and will achieve savings of \$100.3 million
- \$50.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish the Australian Critical Minerals Research and Development Hub to coordinate and align government, industry and academic research and development efforts in Australia and internationally
- \$10.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support research and development to advance new commercially viable projects for methane abatement in the resources sector
- Funding over two years from 2022–23 to continue activities related to the decommissioning of the Northern Endeavour floating oil production storage and offtake facility which is moored between the Laminaria and Corralina oil fields in the Timor Sea. The financial implications are not for publication (nfp) due to commercial sensitivities.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from funding already provided for by the Government and will redirect funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measures titled *Critical Minerals Strategy – implementation* and *Energy and Emissions Reduction*.

This measure also extends the 2021–22 MYEFO measure titled *Northern Endeavour Decommission – additional funding*.

Supporting Australian Industry

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	54.3	46.4	27.6	4.9
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	-	0.7	1.0	0.5	-
Total – Payments	-	54.9	47.4	28.1	4.9

The Government will provide \$135.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to continue to support Australian industry to develop domestic manufacturing capabilities and upskill the manufacturing sector workforce. Funding includes:

- \$113.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support local industry to secure and support new jobs, and strengthen key domestic manufacturing capabilities in regional areas. These include:
 - \$50.0 million to upgrade the Nyrstar Hobart zinc smelter in Tasmania
 - \$17.2 million for a pilot Food Manufacturing Innovation Hub in New South Wales
 - \$12.6 million to support Cytiva’s Springfield BioPark project in Queensland
 - \$11.1 million to support Ingham’s Carbon Zero Certified Business Model in Tasmania
 - \$10.1 million to support Flinders University Factory of the Future in South Australia
 - \$6.1 million to upgrade the Waverley Wool Mills in Tasmania
 - \$2.4 million for a feasibility study of Whaleback Energy Park in Tasmania
 - \$2.1 million to expand the Costa Group’s berry distribution centre in Tasmania
 - \$2.1 million to support a feasibility study to replace the coal-fired boiler at the Norske Skog Boyer mill in Tasmania
- \$14.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to develop a National Rail Manufacturing Plan to ensure more trains are built in Australia, support skilled manufacturing and expand the local rail industry
- \$6.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to help consumers choose ethically sourced Australian textile, clothing and footwear products
- \$1.6 million over two years from 2022–23 to implement Mandatory Country of Origin Labelling to support the Australian seafood industry.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resources of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Supporting Talent and Leadership in Australian Science and Technology

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	9.3	11.7	9.3	6.6
Department of Defence	-	-4.0	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	5.3	11.7	9.3	6.6

The Government will provide \$47.2 million over 6 years from 2022–23 to support the development of talent and leadership in Australian science and technology. Funding includes:

- \$13.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to strengthen coordinated policy capability to identify, assess and support Australian development of critical and emerging technologies
- \$10.3 million over 6 years from 2022–23 for Australia to host the International Science Council’s Regional Presence for Asia and the Pacific and to deepen Australia’s science engagement in the region
- \$10.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to continue delivery of Questacon outreach programs to engage young Australians and science teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, including through touring exhibitions for regional, rural and remote communities
- \$5.8 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support women in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) through the Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship program and to undertake an independent review of existing STEM programs
- \$4.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to develop Australian quantum technology through sponsoring up to 20 PhD research scholarships and encouraging collaboration on quantum research across Australian universities. This cost will be partially met from within the existing funding for the Department of Defence’s Next Generation Technologies Fund
- \$2.9 million in 2022–23 to improve the Prime Minister’s National Science and Technology Council’s provision of science and technology advice and continue support of the Prime Minister’s Prizes for Science event.

Supporting the Supply of Australian Gas

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	-	2.1	2.9	2.9	3.0
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	-	6.3	3.0	4.8
Department of the Treasury	-	-15.0	-15.0	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-12.9	-5.8	5.9	7.8

The Government will provide \$65.7 million over 9 years from 2022–23 to support the supply of Australian domestic gas through increasing monitoring of the gas market and improving the Government’s ability to respond to changing market conditions. Funding includes:

- \$40.9 million over 8 years from 2022–23 to increase the frequency of domestic gas supply assessments by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and implement reforms to the Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism
- \$24.8 million over 8 years from 2023–24 to extend the ACCC’s inquiry into gas supply arrangements in Australia. This extends the 2019–20 MYEFO measure titled *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Gas Inquiry – extension*.

The cost of this measure will be partially met by no longer proceeding with the Optimise and Discover program included in the 2021–22 MYEFO measure titled *Strategic Basin Plans – additional funding*.

This measure will redirect funding identified as part of the Spending Audit.

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Australian Communications and Media Authority – spectrum management

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	2.1	9.6	8.9	5.8

The Government will provide \$27.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 (including \$15.3 million in capital funding) for the Australian Communications and Media Authority to deliver a new spectrum management system and auction capability for spectrum licences.

Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-145.7	34.3	52.7	-42.5

The Government will provide \$757.7 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to improve mobile and broadband connectivity and resilience in rural and regional Australia, including:

- \$400.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to support the roll out of mobile base stations to improve highway and underserved community mobile coverage, and initiatives to improve the resilience of communications services to support the roll out of base stations to improve highway and underserved community mobile coverage
- \$200.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for two additional rounds of the *Regional Connectivity Program* to fund the delivery of telecommunications infrastructure to improve digital connectivity in regional, rural and remote Australia
- \$40.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for an improving mobile coverage round of the *Mobile Black Spot Program* to implement commitments for new mobile infrastructure to improve mobile coverage and reception quality across Australia
- \$39.1 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for two additional rounds of the *Peri-Urban Mobile Program* to improve mobile reception in peri-urban areas that are prone to natural disasters
- \$30.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for the *On Farm Connectivity Program* to support farmers and agricultural businesses to purchase and install on farm connectivity equipment

- \$20.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to conduct an independent audit of mobile coverage to better identify black spots and guide investment priorities
- \$6.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 for the Regional Tech Hub platform to provide free and independent advice on telecommunications connectivity and services in regional and rural Australia
- \$2.5 million over 5 years from 2022–23 to establish a First Nations Digital Advisory Group to lead consultation with First Nations people on the design and delivery of digital inclusion initiatives.

This measure will redirect funding from the 2019–20 Budget measure titled *Stronger Regional Connectivity Package*, 2021–22 MYEFO measure titled *Digital Economy Strategy – additional funding* and 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Government Response to the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review*.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitments as published in the Plan for a Better Future.

Better Funded National Broadcasters

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	-	21.4	20.9	20.9	20.9
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	21.4	20.9	20.9	20.9

The Government will provide \$84.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support Australia’s national broadcasters. Funding includes:

- \$83.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to restore savings from the indexation pause applied to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s (ABC’s) operational funding in the 2018–19 Budget
- \$0.5 million in 2022–23 for a feasibility study into the expansion of Double J to FM frequencies.

The Government will also introduce 5 year funding terms for the ABC and Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) from 1 July 2023.

The Government will also provide \$1.0 million over two years from 2022–23 for a feasibility study into relocating the SBS from Artarmon to Western Sydney. The cost of this portion of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games – departmental resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	0.8	1.8	1.6	1.6
Total – Payments	-	1.9	2.5	2.3	2.3

The Government will provide \$24.7 million over 12 years from 2022–23 to support the preparation and conduct of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, including the oversight of infrastructure investment to support the delivery of the Olympics and the coordination of Australian Government operational guarantees.

Building a Better Future through considered Infrastructure Investment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	16.0	80.8	29.1	254.1
National Faster Rail Agency	-	-1.2	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6
Department of the Treasury	-	-2,880.8	-4,657.9	-1,361.2	3,798.4
Total – Payments	-	-2,866.1	-4,579.7	-1,334.7	4,049.8
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>National Faster Rail Agency</i>	-	-	-	-	-

In addition to existing infrastructure investment the Government will provide \$8.1 billion over 10 years from 2022–23 for priority rail and road infrastructure projects across Australia to support economic growth and development. Funding includes:

- \$2.6 billion for projects in Victoria, including \$2.2 billion for the Suburban Rail Loop East
- \$2.1 billion for projects in Queensland, including \$866.4 million for the Bruce Highway, \$400.0 million for the Inland Freight Route (Mungindi to Charters Towers) upgrades, \$400.0 million for Beef Corridors and \$210.0 million for the Kuranda Range Road upgrade
- \$1.4 billion for projects in New South Wales, including \$500.0 million for planning, corridor acquisition and early works for the Sydney to Newcastle High Speed Rail, \$268.8 million for the New England Highway – Muswellbrook Bypass and \$110.0 million for the Epping Bridge

- \$634.8 million for projects in Western Australia, including \$400.0 million for the Alice Springs to Halls Creek Corridor upgrade and \$125.0 million for electric bus charging infrastructure in Perth
- \$550.0 million for projects in the Northern Territory, including \$350.0 million to seal the Tanami Road and Central Arnhem Road
- \$460.0 million for projects in South Australia, including \$400.0 million for the South Australian component of the Freight Highway Upgrade Program
- \$250.0 million for Phase 4 of the *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program* to support local councils
- \$80.0 million in additional funding for the *Heavy Vehicle Rest Areas Program*
- \$78.0 million for projects in Tasmania, including \$48.0 million for the Tasmanian Roads Package
- \$18.0 million to establish the High Speed Rail Authority to plan, develop, coordinate, oversee and monitor the construction and operation of the high speed rail network.

The Government will also provide \$85.9 million in funding for the Canberra Light Rail Stage 2A project.

This measure will redirect \$2.8 billion from the cancellation and reallocation of projects under the *Infrastructure Investment Program*, *Urban Congestion Fund* and *Commuter Carpark Fund*, the cessation of the National Faster Rail Agency and existing resourcing of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

This measure will redirect savings identified as part of the Spending Audit.

The Government will re-profile \$6.5 billion of funding for existing projects within the *Infrastructure Investment Program* to beyond the forward estimates, to better align the investment with construction market conditions, while maintaining the Government's overall funding commitment to the projects.

This measure includes the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge – increase

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-38.3	-57.5	-59.8	-60.0
Total – Payments	-	-38.3	-57.5	-59.8	-60.0

The Government will increase the Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge rate from 26.4 cents per litre to 27.2 cents per litre of diesel fuel. This will decrease expenditure on the Fuel Tax Credit by \$215.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23.

The change to the Road User Charge was a decision of the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers in April 2022. The Road User Charge contributes to road maintenance and repair.

Improving the NBN

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	4.7	..	..	-

The Government will provide an equity investment of \$2.4 billion to NBN Co over 4 years from 2022–23 to upgrade the National Broadband Network (NBN) to deliver fibre-ready access to a further 1.5 million premises by late 2025.

The additional investment will support nearly 90 per cent of Australia’s fixed line footprint to have access to world class gigabit speeds by late 2025.

The Government will also provide \$4.7 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support the delivery of free broadband for up to 30,000 unconnected families with school aged students during the 2023 calendar year.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Responsible Investment to Grow Our Regions

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Education	-	25.0	25.7	26.3	26.9
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	-	15.0	-	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	6.8	6.5	5.3	4.0
Department of the Treasury	-	6.0	10.0	46.0	46.0
Department of Home Affairs	-	5.9	0.2	0.2	..
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	5.0	2.0	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	2.4	0.6	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	1.9	0.6	0.1	0.1
Attorney-General's Department	-	1.9	3.6	3.6	1.8
Australian Communications and Media Authority	-	0.4	0.1	-	-
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-939.0	-593.8	-268.6	94.5
Total – Payments	-	-868.7	-544.6	-187.1	173.3

The Government will provide \$5.4 billion over 7 years from 2022–23 to support economic growth and development across regional Australia, including:

- \$1.9 billion in equity investment for the development of the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct in the Northern Territory, including common use marine infrastructure and regional logistic hubs
- \$1.0 billion over 5 years from 2022–23 for the *Priority Community Infrastructure Program* to support community infrastructure projects across Australia, including \$120.0 million to deliver the Central Australia Plan. This includes a closed grants program to deliver the Government's election commitments
- \$1.0 billion over 3 years from 2023–24 for the Growing Regions Program and regional Precincts and Partnerships Program to support community and place-based investment in rural and regional Australia, through both a competitive grants program and collaborative partnerships program
- \$672.7 million over 7 years from 2022–23 towards enabling infrastructure in the Pilbara, Hunter and central Queensland regions to support emerging industries and economic transition
- \$349.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for the *Investing in Our Communities Program* to deliver small scale community, sport and infrastructure projects across Australia. This is a closed grants program to deliver the Government's election commitments

- \$200.0 million over 6 years from 2023–24 towards the Cairns Marine Precinct and central Queensland University, Cairns Campus
- \$118.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for the *Trailblazer Universities Program* to support select regional universities to boost research and development
- \$22.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to provide around 29,000 additional in-training support places to apprentices in regional and remote Australia under the *Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System*
- \$22.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 towards enabling infrastructure for the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct in Townsville
- \$5.0 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for the Regional Australia Institute to increase its research and policy capacity and undertake additional educational activities.

This measure will redirect \$10.2 billion in funding from the *Energy Security and Regional Development Plan*, *Regional Accelerator Program*, *Community Development Grants Programme*, and *Building Better Regions Fund*, which were identified as part of the Spending Audit.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Safe Kids are eSmart Kids

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	1.9	2.1	2.0

The Government will provide \$6.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation for the national rollout of the eSmart Digital Licence+, Media Literacy Lab and a new Junior Digital Licence+ to improve media and digital literacy and online safety awareness among primary and secondary school students.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Strategic Fleet Taskforce – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	6.3	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$6.3 million in 2022–23 to establish the Strategic Fleet Taskforce to provide advice to the Government on the establishment of a strategic fleet of vessels to secure ongoing access to fuel and other essential imports.

This measure delivers the Government’s election commitment.

Support for the Aviation Sector

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	23.1	63.9	40.0	-
Department of Home Affairs	-	7.1	3.2	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	-	1.3	1.2	-	-
Total – Payments	-	31.6	68.3	40.0	-

The Government will provide \$139.9 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support the aviation sector. Funding includes:

- \$60.0 million over two years from 2023–24 to upgrade Hobart Airport runway and airfield facilities
- \$55.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to upgrade border services facilities at the Newcastle Airport international terminal
- \$17.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to undertake planning and design work for border services facilities at Western Sydney International Airport
- \$7.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to undertake the Aviation White Paper
- extending the *Per-and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances Airports Investigation* program to 30 June 2027 to continue to undertake investigations at Australian civilian airports to understand the risks and develop corresponding management plans for any identified contamination
- establishing a Jet Zero style council to inform the development of policy settings to encourage emissions reduction in the aviation industry.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Supporting Local News and Community Broadcasting

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	15.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

The Government will provide \$31.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$4.0 million per year ongoing) to support local news and community broadcasting. Funding includes:

- \$15.0 million in 2022–23 for the *Regional and Local Newspaper Publishers* program to support eligible print publishers to absorb newsprint price increases
- \$12.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.0 million per year ongoing) for the *Community Broadcasting Program* to provide ongoing support for the community broadcasting sector
- \$4.0 million in 2022–23 for the *News Media Assistance Program* to support public interest journalism and media diversity.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Supporting the Arts

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Screen Australia	-	0.8	-	-	-
Australia Council	-	-	5.0	5.1	5.2
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-5.4	-4.5	-4.4	-4.2
Total – Payments	-	-4.6	0.5	0.7	1.0
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Screen Australia	-	0.8	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$36.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) to support the arts sector. Funding includes:

- \$22.0 million in 2022–23 to establish a Live Performance Support Fund to support eligible live event organisers affected by COVID-19
- \$7.4 million in 2022–23 to support the operation of Bundanon Trust and the National Institute of Dramatic Art
- \$5.0 million in 2022–23 to upgrade training and accommodation facilities at the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association Dance College
- \$2.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.0 million per year ongoing) to support the ongoing financial sustainability of the national performing arts training organisations.

The Government will also:

- abolish Creative Partnerships Australia and transfer its functions and funding to the Australia Council
- extend the *Temporary Interruption Fund* to 30 June 2023 to support new local productions that were unable to start production due to insurance exclusions relating to COVID-19.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

This measure will redirect funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *COVID-19 Response Package – additional arts sector support*.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitment.

The Government’s commitment to deliver a National Cultural Policy is currently under development.

Tourist and Heritage Operators’ Rail Safety Regulation

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	-	-	1.6	1.7	1.7

The Government will provide \$5.1 million over 3 years from 2023–24 (and \$1.8 million per year ongoing) towards the cost of regulating the tourist and heritage rail sector by the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator.

Parliament

Department of Parliamentary Services – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Parliamentary Services	-	4.2	4.8	3.4	3.5

The Government will provide \$15.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (including \$2.7 million in capital funding and \$3.5 million per year ongoing) to the Department of Parliamentary Services to support its operations. Funding includes:

- \$10.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$2.0 million per year ongoing) to increase the capacity of the Parliamentary Library to support parliamentarians with advice and research
- \$5.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.5 million per year ongoing) to increase Hansard and broadcasting services staffing levels to support increased Parliamentary committee activity.

Prime Minister and Cabinet

15th Anniversary of the Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	1.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$1.5 million in 2022–23 to the National Indigenous Australians Agency to support commemoration activities to acknowledge the 15th Anniversary of the Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples.

An Ambitious and Enduring APS Reform Plan

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Various Agencies	-	..	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$72.9 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to strengthen the capability of the Australian Public Service (APS). Funding includes:

- \$40.8 million for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Australian Public Service Commission to develop and implement an ambitious reform plan to strengthen the APS
- \$25.0 million over two years from 2023–24 for an APS Capability Reinvestment Fund, to fund projects to build organisational capability in the APS
- \$7.1 million over two years from 2022–23 for the Department of Finance to implement an interim policy and reporting framework as part of the Government’s commitment that the APS, excluding security agencies, will commit to net zero emissions by 2030, with costs to be met from within existing resources.

The cost of this measure will be offset through savings from within the APS.

Early Investment in a National Strategy to Achieve Gender Equality

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	3.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$3.1 million in 2022–23 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to enable the Office for Women to:

- develop a National Strategy to Achieve Gender Equality
- support the independent Women’s Economic Equality Taskforce
- provide support across government for the implementation of Gender Responsive Budgeting and Gender Impact Assessments.

Eileen Cummings v Commonwealth of Australia – settlement

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	50.5	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$50.5 million in 2022–23 to fund settlement in the matter of *Eileen Cummings v Commonwealth of Australia*. Compensation will be provided to the deceased estates of members of the Stolen Generations and kinship group members, and living kinship group members.

First Nations – community projects

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$2.3 million over two years from 2022–23 for First Nations community projects. Funding includes:

- \$1.0 million over two years from 2022–23 to Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Corporation to build new ablution blocks in the 4 town camps around Borroloola, Northern Territory
- \$0.8 million in 2022–23 to support the development of short stay accommodation in Laverton, Western Australia
- \$0.5 million in 2022–23 to support the Warlpiri cultural project in Yuendumu, Northern Territory.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s *Indigenous Advancement Strategy*.

Funding for Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.6 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to the Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation in Tasmania to support its museum and cultural centre “Tiagarra”. Funding will enable the museum to reopen and undertake cultural engagement activities.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s *Indigenous Advancement Strategy*.

Government Spending Audit – Australian Future Leaders Program – reversal

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0

The Government will not proceed with funding for the *Australian Future Leaders Program*, a measure announced in the 2022–23 March Budget, achieving savings of \$16.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$4.0 million per year ongoing). The savings from this measure will be redirected to fund other Government policy priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Government Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart – Makarrata Commission

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	1.7	2.6	1.6	-

The Government will provide \$5.8 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to commence work on establishing an independent Makarrata Commission to oversee processes for agreement making and truth telling. This is part of the Government’s \$27.7 million election commitment to establish a Makarrata Commission.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Prime Minister and Cabinet – additional resourcing

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	24.7	15.5	4.6	-
Australian Public Service Commission	-	-8.3	-3.0	-3.2	-3.0
Total – Payments	-	16.4	12.5	1.5	-3.0
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Public Service Commission	-	-0.8	-1.6	-1.7	-1.7

The Government will provide \$44.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to support the Government’s policy agenda, including supporting the development of a National Framework for Economic Transformation as part of the net zero economy, a National Strategy for the Care and Support Economy and strengthening the Priorities and Delivery Unit to monitor implementation and delivery of the Government’s major policies and programs.

This measure will redirect funding of \$15.7 million over 7 years from 2022–23 from the Australian Public Service Hubs Pilot component of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Supporting Regionalisation*.

Quad Leaders’ Summit Policy Priorities and Hosting Proposal

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	18.4	-	-	-
Australian Federal Police	-	4.7	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	23.1	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$23.1 million in 2022–23 to support Australia hosting the 2023 Quad Leaders’ Summit, as announced by the Prime Minister at the 2022 Quad Leaders Summit in Tokyo. Funding includes:

- \$18.4 million for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for organisation and logistics of the Summit
- \$4.7 million for the Australian Federal Police to support event security.

Replacing the Community Development Program with a New Jobs Program – trial

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	2.7	0.2	-	-
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	1.0	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	-0.1	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-2.0	-0.7	-0.2	-
Total – Payments	-	1.7	-0.5	-0.2	-

The Government will provide \$9.4 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to establish a trial of a New Jobs Program. The trial will create up to 200 job opportunities in remote and very remote locations with thin labour markets. Jobs under the trial will pay real wages and provide proper conditions. The Government will also consult with key stakeholders and communities around the design for the new program.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

This measure will redirect partial funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Remote Engagement Program* and savings identified as part of the Spending Audit.

This measure supports the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Restoring Funding for Homelands

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	25.0	75.0	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	25.0	75.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$100.0 million over two years from 2022–23 for housing and essential infrastructure in Northern Territory homelands, delivered through a new federal financial agreement with the Northern Territory Government.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Scotdesco – water security feasibility study

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	0.3	0.3	-	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-0.3	-0.3	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.5 million over two years from 2022–23 to undertake a water security feasibility study in the remote community of Scotdesco, South Australia.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s *Indigenous Advancement Strategy*.

Social Services

100 More Centrelink Workers in Far North Queensland

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$49.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$15.6 million per year ongoing) for an additional 100 staff in Services Australia’s Cairns Smart Centre to improve service delivery and support customers in far north Queensland.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of Services Australia.

Abolish the Cashless Debit Card

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	7.9	1.6	-2.7	-6.1
Department of Finance	-	0.1	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	nfp	nfp	nfp	nfp
Total – Payments	-	8.0	1.6	-2.7	-6.1

The Government will provide \$217.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to abolish the Cashless Debit Card, and commence transition to voluntary income management. Participants will transition off the card from 6 March 2023, and will be able to progressively opt-in to income management and the BasicsCard on a voluntary basis.

The Government will also extend and expand support services for participants transitioning off the Cashless Debit Card and individuals in current cashless welfare locations.

The financial implications for certain components of this measure are not for publication (nfp) due to contractual sensitivities. This measure will be partially offset by redirecting savings from abolishing the Cashless Debit Card.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Additional Funding for the Activ Foundation

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to the Activ Foundation to continue operating its large-scale disability employment work sites for an additional 18 months and to support the transition of its employees to other employment.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

Administration of COVID-19 and Emergency Payments

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	588.4	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$588.4 million to Services Australia to respond to emergencies in 2022–23, including the delivery of COVID-19 payments and the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment. Funding will also provide for additional resources for payment integrity activities associated with the recommencement of debt recovery following a temporary pause due to COVID-19.

See also the related payment measure *Pandemic Support Payment Extensions* in the Home Affairs Portfolio.

Better Support for People Living With Disability

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	8.9	11.5	12.3	9.8

The Government will provide \$47.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support people living with disability and their families. Funding includes:

- \$32.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to improve disability access in the community by contributing one-third of the funding required to build up to 400 new ‘Changing Places’ toilets for people with high support needs
- \$11.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to increase existing support for disability systemic advocacy
- \$3.6 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to extend the National Disability Research Partnership to 30 June 2025.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Boosting Parental Leave to Enhance Economic Security, Support and Flexibility for Australia’s Families

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	4.7	6.5	3.5	2.1
Department of Social Services	-	-42.6	-35.0	258.7	573.7
Total – Payments	-	-37.9	-28.6	262.2	575.8
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-15.0	-10.0	80.0	185.0

The Government will enhance economic security, improve gender equality, and enhance and provide more flexibility for shared care arrangements at a cost to the budget of \$531.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$619.3 million per year ongoing).

The Government will introduce reforms from 1 July 2023 to make the *Paid Parental Leave Scheme* flexible for families so that either parent is able to claim the payment and both birth parents and non-birth parents are allowed to receive the payment if they meet the eligibility criteria. Parents will also be able to claim weeks of the payment concurrently so they can take leave at the same time.

From 1 July 2024, the Government will start expanding the scheme by two additional weeks a year until it reaches a full 26 weeks from 1 July 2026.

Both parents will be able to share the leave entitlement, with a proportion maintained on a “use it or lose it” basis, to encourage and facilitate both parents to access the scheme and to share the caring responsibilities more equally. Sole parents will be able to access the full 26 weeks.

The Women’s Economic Equality Taskforce will assist in the finalisation of the changes to the scheme to ensure that the final model supports women’s economic participation and gender equality, including the period of concurrence and the most appropriate proportion of “use it or lose it” weeks.

This measure extends the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Women’s Economic Security Package*.

Closing the Gap Housing Policy Partnership

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	1.2	3.1	3.2	-
National Indigenous Australians Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	1.2	3.1	3.2	-

The Government will provide \$9.2 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to establish the Closing the Gap Housing Policy Partnership which will provide a coordinated approach across Government to deliver against the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap* housing targets.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services and the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	8.5	8.5	-	-
Services Australia	-	5.7	5.4	2.0	1.3
Total – Payments	-	14.2	13.9	2.0	1.3

The Government will provide \$31.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.1 million per year ongoing) to remediate child support debts raised as a result of the *Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas* decision. This decision changed the tax treatment for superannuation invalidity pensions paid under the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme* and the *Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme*, which has flow on impacts to child support debts.

Early Years Strategy – development

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	0.9	0.5	-	-

The Government will provide \$4.2 million over two years from 2022–23 to develop a whole-of-government Early Years Strategy to coordinate investment into early childhood development policy and programs.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

Future Arrangements for the Disability Employment Services Program

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	4.6	6.9	4.0	3.2
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	-	0.4	0.2	0.1	-
Total – Payments	-	5.0	7.1	4.1	3.2

The Government will provide \$19.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to extend the *Disability Employment Services* program for two years to 30 June 2025. Building on the consultation undertaken to date, the extension will allow for a detailed design phase for a new disability employment services model to better support people with disability to find ongoing employment.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

Government Spending Audit – Social Services – efficiencies

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	-10.7	-0.8	-1.6	-1.7

As a result of its Spending Audit, the Government will improve quality of spending by redirecting funding from existing programs. This totals \$14.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 in relation to social services. Savings include:

- a reduction of funding of \$10.0 million in 2022–23 from the *Strong and Resilient Communities Activity* program
- the cessation of funding of \$4.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 from the *Community Business Partnership* program.

This funding will offset the Government’s election commitments and will also be redirected to support Government priorities.

This measure was identified as part of the Spending Audit, which has focused on the quality of spending, uncommitted funding, duplicative measures and reprioritising existing funding towards higher priority initiatives and budget repair.

Incentivising Pensioners to Downsize

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	9.0	18.4	19.2	20.1
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Services Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	9.2	18.9	19.7	20.6
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	1.0	3.0	3.0

The Government will provide \$73.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing), including:

- extending the assets test exemption for principal home sale proceeds from 12 months to 24 months for income support recipients
- changing the income test, to apply only the lower deeming rate (0.25 per cent) to principal home sale proceeds when calculating deemed income for 24 months after the sale of the principal home.

This measure will reduce the financial impact on pensioners looking to downsize their homes in an effort to minimise the burden on older Australians and free up housing stock for younger families.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services, Services Australia and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Personal income tax receipts are also expected to increase by \$7.0 million over 3 years from 2023–24 as a result of this measure.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Jobs and Skills Summit – incentivise pensioners into the workforce

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	55.4	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	4.0	0.1	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	2.5	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	61.8	0.1	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Taxation Office</i>	-	-	15.0	-	-

The Government will provide \$61.9 million over two years from 2022–23 to provide age and veterans pensioners a once off credit of \$4,000 to their Work Bonus income bank.

The temporary income bank top up will increase the amount pensioners can earn in 2022–23 from \$7,800 to \$11,800, before their pension is reduced, supporting pensioners who want to work or work more hours to do so without losing their pension.

Personal income tax receipts are also expected to increase by \$15.0 million in 2023–24 as a result of this measure.

This measure implements an outcome from the Jobs and Skills Summit.

Lifting the Income Threshold for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	11.3	15.0	16.4	17.4
Services Australia	-	4.3	1.6	1.7	1.8
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Veterans' Affairs	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	15.6	16.6	18.1	19.2

The Government will provide \$69.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to increase the income threshold for the *Commonwealth Seniors Health Card* from \$61,284 to \$90,000 for singles and from \$98,054 to \$144,000 (combined) for couples.

The Government will also freeze social security deeming rates at their current levels for a further two years until 30 June 2024, to support older Australians who rely on income from deemed financial investments, as well as the pension, to deal with the rising cost of living.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

myGov User Audit

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Digital Transformation Agency	-	-	-	-	-
Services Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	-	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$0.8 million in 2022–23 to undertake a user audit of myGov. The Audit will identify changes needed to improve myGov functionality and deliver a more user-friendly experience.

The cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of Services Australia and the Digital Transformation Agency.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

National Autism Strategy

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	5.0	-	-	-
Department of Health and Aged Care	-	0.1	0.2	-	-
Total – Payments	-	5.1	0.2	-	-

The Government will provide \$5.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to improve outcomes for people with autism. Funding includes:

- \$2.0 million in 2022–23 to the Autism Cooperative Research Centre to continue autism research, coordination, collaboration and advice
- \$2.0 million in 2022–23 to the AEIOU Foundation for Children with Autism to expand its existing early intervention centre in Townsville, Queensland
- \$1.0 million in 2022–23 for the development of a National Autism Strategy
- \$0.3 million over two years from 2022–23 to commence development of a National Roadmap to improve the health and mental health of people with autism.

The Government will also extend the funding provided to expand the ‘Autism: What Next?’ website by one year to 30 June 2024.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

National Housing and Homelessness Plan

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	0.2	0.3	1.6	1.8

The Government will provide \$13.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$4.2 million per year ongoing) to develop a 10 year National Housing and Homelessness Plan in 2023. The plan will be developed in association with states and territories, industry bodies and not for profit organisations, to support the development of short, medium and long term housing and homelessness policy.

The Government will also provide a one year extension for the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement to 30 June 2024, to allow for the development of the new arrangement, in consultation with the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council and states and territories. Funding for the extension of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement has already been provided for by the Government.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

See also the related payment measure titled *Safer and More Affordable Housing* in the Treasury Portfolio.

National Redress Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	15.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding of \$15.0 million in 2022–23 for the Department of Social Services for continued implementation of the *National Redress Scheme* for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, to process a greater than expected number of applications.

This measure extends the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *National Redress Scheme – further support*.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Data Distribution Project

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	2.8	6.5	3.3	0.7

The Government will provide an additional \$13.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (with \$0.7 million per year ongoing) to build data linkages between Services Australia systems and the Health Products Portal.

The Health Products Portal provides a single digital channel for industry to process, apply, track, pay and manage regulated and reimbursed health related products and services. The linkages will ensure that Services Australia has up to date data to assess patient eligibility and to pay pharmacists for dispensing Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) subsidised medicines, where eligible under the PBS schedule.

This measure extends the 2021–22 Budget measure titled *Commonwealth's Deregulation Agenda*.

Plan for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	-	11.1	3.9	-	-
National Disability Insurance Agency	-	5.8	385.0	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-10.1	3.2	7.3	-
Total – Payments	-	6.9	392.1	7.3	-

The Government will provide \$437.4 million over 3 years from 2022–23 to support people with disability and their families. Funding includes:

- \$385.0 million in 2023–24 in additional funding to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) for operational funding to support National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants
- \$21.2 million over 3 years from 2022–23 for NDIS Appeals providers to support people with disability and their families with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) appeals process
- \$18.1 million over two years from 2022–23 to review NDIS design, operations and sustainability
- \$12.4 million in 2022–23 to introduce an expert review pathway to resolve disputes arising from NDIA decisions, reduce the number of appeals to the AAT, and provide better and earlier outcomes for NDIS participants
- \$0.6 million in 2022–23 to expand residential accommodation for people with disability at Jindelara Cottage in Ulladulla, New South Wales.

This measure will be partially offset by redirecting \$31.2 million of uncommitted funding over two years from 2022–23 from the *Information, Linkages and Capacity Building* program.

This measure includes the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Save Our Centrelink – boosting Government services in Sorell

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Services Australia	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

The Government will provide \$4.0 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.9 million per year ongoing) for additional service delivery staff for Services Australia to improve face-to-face customer support in Sorell, Tasmania.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of Services Australia.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Support for Community Wellbeing

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	2.5	3.6	3.6	1.5

The Government will provide \$12.7 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to the Department of Social Services to improve access to services that enhance community wellbeing.

Funding includes:

- \$12.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to support community playgroups and toy libraries to expand services, including new First Nations and intergenerational playgroups, as well as upgrade facilities and purchase materials
- \$0.4 million over two years from 2022–23 to support the organisation Short Back and Sidewalks to provide haircuts free of charge to people experiencing homelessness.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of Social Services and the *Stronger and Resilient Communities Activity* program.

Women’s Safety

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Social Services	-	22.0	11.5	7.1	-23.5
Department of the Treasury	-	3.0	3.3	0.3	-0.8
Attorney-General’s Department	-	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.3
Total – Payments	-	26.1	15.2	7.8	-23.9

The Government will improve the quality of spending on Women’s Safety to enhance the Government’s contribution to the *First Action Plan of the National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–2032* (the National Plan) with no impact on underlying cash over 5 years to 2026–27.

Funding will be provided for new initiatives to better support the National Plan, including:

- \$39.6 million in 2022–23 to meet increased demand for the *Escaping Violence Payment*
- \$25.0 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for a trial of innovative responses to address the behaviour of the perpetrators of domestic violence
- \$13.9 million over 5 years from 2022–23 for a new First Action Plan Priorities Fund to provide grants to address emerging priorities
- \$12.6 million over two years from 2022–23 for a pilot program to assist Temporary Visa Holders who are experiencing domestic violence.

This measure will better target spending by reducing or not proceeding with the following initiatives from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Women’s Safety*:

- \$59.6 million over 5 years by aligning funding for the *Specialist Family Violence Services* program with anticipated levels of need
- \$35.2 million over 5 years by not proceeding with a trial of electronic monitoring of the perpetrators of domestic violence and a Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Fund that was intended to trial new responses to addressing violence. These initiatives will instead be delivered through the new trial of innovative responses and the First Action Plan Priorities Fund.

This measure also includes minor variations to expenditure of some components of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Women’s Safety* to better align them with the Government’s commitment to help end domestic violence.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future* to provide \$1.3 billion in budgeted funding to implement the National Plan.

Women’s Safety – 500 community workers

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	18.2	39.9	52.4	54.5
Department of Social Services	-	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.0
Total – Payments	-	19.7	40.8	53.4	55.4

The Government will provide \$169.4 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$55.4 million per year ongoing) to provide an additional 500 frontline service and community workers across Australia to increase the support available for women and children experiencing family, domestic and sexual violence.

This measure delivers on the Government’s election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Treasury

Contributions to the International Monetary Fund's Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust and Resilience and Sustainability Trust

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Department of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-

The Government has committed to provide a combined line of credit of 1.3 billion Special Drawing Rights (approximately A\$2.5 billion) to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust and Resilience and Sustainability Trust, to provide economic support to vulnerable countries. The Government has also committed to lend an additional 1.2 billion Special Drawing Rights (approximately A\$2.3 billion) to support the IMF in its on-lending program, to deliver on Australia's G20 international commitments.

The cost of this measure will be partially offset by interest earned on loan amounts.

Fighting Online Scams

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of Home Affairs	-	2.0	-	-	-
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	2.0	-	-	-

The Government will provide \$12.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to combat scams and online fraud to protect Australians from financial harm. Funding includes:

- \$9.9 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for initial work on the establishment of a National Anti-Scam Centre
- \$2.0 million in 2022–23 to the Department of Home Affairs to expand its arrangement with IDCARE to provide specialist identity support services, including counselling and identity recovery services for victims of identity theft
- \$0.7 million in 2022–23 to the Treasury to raise public awareness of the risk of scams.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

This measure delivers on the Government's election commitment as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

Housing Accord

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation	-	-	-	70.0	70.0

The Australian Government will provide \$350.0 million over 5 years from 2024–25 to support funding of an additional 10,000 affordable homes under a Housing Accord with state and territory governments and other key stakeholders.

The Commonwealth support will include availability payments over the longer term to facilitate institutional investment, including by superannuation funds, in affordable homes.

This measure complements the Government’s investment in the Housing Australia Future Fund, which will provide a further 30,000 social and affordable homes over 5 years.

See also the related payments measures titled *Safer and More Affordable Housing* in the Treasury Portfolio and *National Housing and Homelessness Plan* in the Social Services Portfolio.

Modernising Business Registers – program funding, director ID sustainment and registry stabilisation

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Taxation Office	-	74.1	16.0	16.4	14.8
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	25.5	5.5	6.9	6.8
Total – Payments	-	99.7	21.5	23.3	21.6

The Government will provide additional funding of \$166.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to continue delivery of the Modernising Business Registers program that will consolidate over 30 business registers onto a modernised registry platform. Funding includes:

- \$80.0 million in 2022–23 for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to continue design and delivery of the modernised registry platform
- \$86.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (\$119.5 million over 6 years from 2022–23 and \$15.9 million per year ongoing) for ATO and ASIC to operate and regulate the Director Identification Numbers regime, and maintain ASIC’s registry systems.

Restoring Treasury’s Capability on Climate Risks and Opportunities – modelling and reporting standards

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	8.8	9.4	8.5	8.3
Office of the Australian Accounting Standards Board	-	1.0	-	-	-
Total – Payments	-	9.8	9.4	8.5	8.3

The Government will provide \$36.1 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$6.9 million per year ongoing) to support the delivery of Government priorities related to climate modelling and the development of climate reporting standards. Funding includes:

- \$29.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$6.9 million per year ongoing) for the Treasury to restore capability to model climate risks and opportunities
- \$6.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for the Treasury and the Australian Accounting Standards Board to develop and introduce climate reporting standards for large businesses and financial institutions, in line with international reporting requirements.

This measure will redirect partial funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Insolvency Reform – continuation* and savings identified as part of the Spending Audit.

Safer and More Affordable Housing

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	37.8	609.3	678.8	747.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Department of Finance</i>	-	216.8	440.3	386.2	385.1

The Government will invest \$10 billion in the newly created Housing Australia Future Fund, to be managed by the Future Fund Management Agency, to generate returns to fund the delivery of 30,000 social and affordable homes over 5 years and allocate \$330 million for acute housing needs.

In the first 5 years these investment returns will fund:

- \$200 million for the repair, maintenance and improvements of housing in remote Indigenous communities, where some of the worst housing standards in the world are endured by our First Nations people
- \$100 million for crisis and transitional housing options for women and children fleeing domestic and family violence and older women on low incomes who are at risk of homelessness
- \$30 million to build more housing and fund specialist services for veterans who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of homelessness.

The Government remains committed to ensuring that of the \$10 billion fund, the returns from \$1.6 billion will be directed to long-term housing for women and children fleeing domestic and family violence, and older women on low incomes who are at risk of homelessness.

In addition, the Government will provide \$348.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 for a number of further initiatives to deliver more social and affordable housing. Funding includes:

- \$324.6 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to establish the Help to Buy scheme to assist people on low to moderate incomes to purchase a new or existing home with an equity contribution from the Government
- \$15.2 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$4.4 million per year ongoing) to establish a National Housing Supply and Affordability Council to support the Australian Government to develop housing supply and affordability policy through research and advice
- \$0.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$0.1 million per year ongoing) to establish Housing Australia, by renaming and expanding the remit of the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation, to deliver the Australian Government’s social and affordable housing programs
- \$8.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 to the Treasury and Housing Australia to administer the Housing Australia Future Fund.

The Government will also:

- establish the Regional First Home Buyers Guarantee to support eligible citizens and permanent residents who have lived in a regional location for more than 12 months to purchase their first home in that location with a minimum 5 per cent deposit, with 10,000 places per year to 30 June 2026, by redirecting funding from the Regional Home Guarantee component of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Affordable Housing and Home Ownership*, with no financial impact
- broaden the remit of the National Housing Infrastructure Facility to directly support new social and affordable housing in addition to financing critical housing infrastructure, with no financial impact, as announced at the Jobs and Skills Summit.

This measure implements the Government’s election commitments as published in the *Plan for a Better Future*.

See also the related payments measures titled *Housing Accord* in the Treasury Portfolio and *National Housing and Homelessness Plan* in the Social Services Portfolio.

Support for the Australian Energy Regulator to Implement Regulatory Changes

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	-	3.2	6.5	6.8	6.4

The Government will provide \$22.8 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$5.1 million per year ongoing) to the Australian Energy Regulator to implement new regulatory roles and functions. Funding includes:

- \$14.3 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$3.2 million per year ongoing) to administer and enforce new gas pipeline regulations and monitor gas pipeline markets
- \$8.5 million over 4 years from 2022–23 (and \$1.9 million per year ongoing) to implement Energy Ministers’ Post 2025 reforms to the National Electricity Market.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from savings identified in the 2022–23 October Budget measure titled *Spending Audit – Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – efficiencies*.

Supporting Small Business Owners

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	-5.0	6.8	3.0	-0.8

The Government will provide \$15.1 million over two calendar years from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2024 to extend the Small Business Debt Helpline and the NewAccess for Small Business Owners programs to support the financial and mental wellbeing of small business owners.

This measure will redirect partial funding from the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman component of the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Small Business Support Package*, and savings identified as part of the Spending Audit.

Treasury – additional funding

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	2.1	-	-	-
Department of Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Productivity Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	-	-0.6	-3.3	-0.4
Services Australia	-	-0.7	-	-	-
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	-	-1.0	-9.9	-12.1	-
Total – Payments	-	0.4	-10.5	-15.4	-0.4
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission</i>	-	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	-	-

The Government will provide additional funding to support the delivery of Government priorities in the Treasury portfolio, including:

- \$2.7 million in 2022–23 for the Treasury to support reviews of the Reserve Bank of Australia and the regulatory framework for managed investment schemes
- support for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to administer the financial adviser exam, to be partially cost recovered from examination fees (costs are not for publication due to commercial sensitivities).

In addition, the Productivity Commission will review the current framework to incentivise philanthropy in the not-for-profit sector, and the Department of Social Services will work with the not-for-profit sector to develop a sector led not-for-profit Blueprint as a roadmap towards providing the not-for-profit sector with support and strategic direction to expand their services in coming years.

The cost of this measure will be partially met from within the existing resourcing of the Treasury portfolio.

This measure will redirect partial funding from the 2022–23 March Budget measure titled *Insolvency Reform – continuation* and savings identified as part of the Spending Audit.

Youpla Group Funeral Benefits Program – establishment

Payments (\$m)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Department of the Treasury	-	5.6	1.6	-	-

The Government will provide \$7.2 million over two years from 2022–23 to establish the Youpla Group Funeral Benefits Program to help the families of people affected by the collapse of the Youpla Group (also known as the Aboriginal Community Benefits Fund). The Program will operate until 30 November 2023 to meet unpaid funeral claims of deceased fund members who had an active Youpla funeral expenses policy on or after 1 April 2020.

Notes

- (a) The following definitions are used in this Budget Paper:
- ‘real’ means adjusted for the effect of inflation
 - real growth in expenses is calculated using the consumer price index (CPI) as the deflator
 - the Budget year refers to 2022–23, while the forward years refer to 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26
 - one billion is equal to one thousand million.
- (b) Figures in tables and generally in the text have been rounded. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.
- estimates under \$100,000 are rounded to the nearest thousand
 - estimates \$100,000 and over are generally rounded to the nearest tenth of a million
 - estimates midway between rounding points are rounded up.
- (c) For the budget balance, a negative sign indicates a deficit while no sign indicates a surplus.
- (d) The following notations are used:
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| - | nil |
| na | not applicable |
| .. | not zero, but rounded to zero |
| \$m | millions of dollars |
| \$b | billions of dollars |
| nfp | not for publication |
| AEDT | Australian Eastern Daylight Time |
| AEST | Australian Eastern Standard Time |
| NEC/nec | not elsewhere classified |
| * | The nature of this measure is such that a reliable estimate cannot be provided. |

- (e) The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory are referred to as ‘the Territories’. References to the ‘States’ or ‘each State’ include the Territories. The following abbreviations are used for the names of the States, where appropriate:

NSW	New South Wales
VIC	Victoria
QLD	Queensland
WA	Western Australia
SA	South Australia
TAS	Tasmania
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
NT	Northern Territory

- (f) In this paper, the term ‘Commonwealth’ refers to the Commonwealth of Australia. The term is used when referring to the legal entity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The term ‘Australian Government’ is used when referring to the Government and the decisions and activities made by the Government on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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